



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Notice Soliciting Comments Regarding an Economic Impact Analysis

Subject: Proposed permanent rule relating to the conduct, regulation, and accommodation of Election Observers.

Notice Date: February 23, 2024

Comment Period: February 23, 2024 – March 11, 2024

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (Commission) is preparing an economic impact analysis (EIA) for the proposed rule under Scope Statement 089–22 on the conduct, regulation, and accommodation of Election Observers. The scope statement, a preliminary draft of the EIA, and a draft of the rule order are available on the Commission’s website, here: <https://elections.wi.gov/draft-rule-chapter-el-4-election-observers>. The draft documents may be updated following the receipt and consideration of EIA comments.

The Commission must solicit comments on the economic impact of the proposed rule and, if requested, coordinate with local governments on the EIA. The Commission will accept written comments for its Election Observer EIA until 5 p.m. March 11, 2024. Please provide specific information and include any supporting economic data. Please do NOT submit comments on revisions to the rule language. The Commission will hold a separate hearing and comment period for comments on the rule language after proper notice in accordance with ss. 227.17 and 227.18, Stats.

EIA comments may be emailed to brandon.hunzicker@wisconsin.gov or, if necessary, mailed to: Brandon Hunzicker, Wisconsin Elections Commission, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984.

Any local government unit – this rule would primarily affect municipal clerks – affected by the rule may request to coordinate with the Commission on the EIA. Please state this request within your EIA comments. The Commission will contact all local government units that request to coordinate and incorporate their comments into the EIA to the extent feasible.

Under section [227.137](#), Stats., the Commission is soliciting comments on the information listed below:

1. Any implementation or compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred.
2. Actual quantifiable benefits of the proposed rule.
3. Whether the proposed rule would adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, jobs, or the overall economic competitiveness of the state.
4. Economic impacts of specific alternatives to the proposed rule.
5. Any other economic impacts to any affected party

The scope statement did not estimate any economic impact to small businesses, but if you are a small business as defined in s. 227.114(1), Stats., please let us know in your comments.

When the EIA is ready, the Commission will submit the final rule order and economic impact analysis to the Wisconsin Legislative Council under s. 227.15, Stats.

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