

# NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

**APRIL 5, 2005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

**QUESTION 1: "4-year terms of office for certain county officers.** Shall section 4 of article VI and section 12 of article VII of the constitution be amended to provide that district attorneys, coroners, elected surveyors, registers of deeds, treasurers, county clerks, and clerks of circuit court be elected to 4-year terms?"

## STATE REFERENDUM EXPLANATION

At the present time, sheriffs and county executives are elected for terms of four years. All other elected county officers and district attorneys are elected for terms of two years.

A "yes" vote on this question would increase from two years to four years the terms of office of district attorneys, coroners in counties where there is a coroner, elected surveyors in counties where there is an elected surveyor, registers of deeds, county treasurers, county clerks and clerks of circuit courts. These officers would be elected every four years, and would hold office for a term of four years before an election for that office would be held again. A "yes" vote would not change the terms of office of any other elected officials.

A "no" vote on this question would retain the present two-year terms of office of district attorneys, coroners in counties where there is a coroner, elected surveyors in counties where there is an elected surveyor, registers of deeds, county treasurers, county clerks and clerks of circuit courts. These officers would continue to be elected every two years, and to hold office for a term of two years before an election for that office is held again.