The State of Wisconsin

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER #14

Relating to the Accessibility of Division of Motor Vehicles Facilities and Department of Transportation-Issued Voter Identification

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of American democracy is the right of the people to choose their representatives;

WHEREAS, fulfilling this democratic right requires ensuring that every eligible citizen in the State of Wisconsin who would like to be registered to vote is able to register to vote;

WHEREAS, given Wisconsin's strict voter ID requirements, access to proper voter identification has been made essential to the ability to exercise the right to vote;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin driver's licenses and other identification documents provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) are one of the few qualifying forms of voter identification authorized by Wisconsin law and are by far the most common;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin driver's licenses and other forms of original DOT-issued voter identification are in most cases only available in-person from DMV service centers;

WHEREAS, many DMV service centers have limited hours and days of operation, including some which are only open on certain days of the week or month, and have extremely limited night or weekend hours; and

WHEREAS, many DMV service centers are not easily accessible to people using public transit or to people with limited mobility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order the following:

1. The DOT shall:

    a. Develop and implement a plan, including administrative action and recommended measures requiring legislative approval, for expanding accessibility to DOT facilities that provide citizens of Wisconsin with identification required to vote. The plan may include such measures as increasing hours of availability on weekends and evenings and exploring siting any future new or relocated service centers in areas easily accessible by public transit and by citizens with limited mobility. The DOT shall submit its plan to the Governor no later than December 31, 2019.

b. Review and update communication and outreach efforts related to voter identification requirements and obtention in order to ensure the general public is properly informed of the processes for acquiring valid identification when visiting DOT locations. Such updates shall include translating information into multiple, commonly used languages.

c. Explore opportunities to utilize technology and innovative strategies to increase the online accessibility of DOT services and maximize efficiency of obtaining DOT-issued identification documents.

d. Submit annual reports to the Governor assessing the availability of DOT-issued identification documents and cataloging changes made to improve accessibility of DOT facilities that issue such documents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Green Bay this fourth day of March in the year of two thousand nineteen.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State