

## Registering to Vote LINKcat may be used for Proof of Residence

If you have been appointed as a Special Registration Deputy for the applicant's municipality, and the applicant has a library card, proof of residence can be documented using the voter's address in LINKcat, the South Central Library System's electronic catalog. [www.linkcat.info](http://www.linkcat.info)

Log in using full library card number and PIN.

If the voter has never logged on, the PIN is 0101.

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After logging in, click on "my personal details" to show proof of residence.

If the address is not up to date, contact a librarian.

In June 2015, the Government Accountability Board unanimously ruled that LINKcat and similar systems may be used for proof of residence for voter registration. LINKcat meets the statutory requirement of being a "document issued by a unit of government", provided the electronic document includes the individual's current and complete name and address.

Documentation of this ruling:

GAB June 2015 agenda page 117: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/about/meetings/2015/june>

From the minutes, page 7: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/about/meetings/2015/september>

*The GAB passed this MOTION: Pursuant to WIS. STAT. §5.05(6a), the Government Accountability Board finds that a webpage from a public Wisconsin library system online account may be used as a proof of residence document under WIS. STAT. §6.34(3)(a)11 if it is issued by the library system and contains all of the required information under WIS. STAT. §6.34(3)(b). Moved by Judge Vocke, seconded by Judge Barland. Motion carried unanimously.*

Section 266 of Act 118 (which replaces the GAB with two commissions) states that "All rules promulgated and all formal opinions and orders issued by the government accountability board that are in effect on the effective date of this subsection are transferred to the elections commission and the ethics commission and shall remain in effect until the commission to which they are transferred amends or repeals a rule or order or changes or withdraws a formal opinion."

Madison Public Library commented:

Every patron selects their own individual PIN at the time of library card registration, which then allows them to log in to LINKcat along with their library card number. The PIN takes effect immediately, so even if they have never logged in to LINKcat before, unless they chose it for a PIN, 0101 will not necessarily work to log in. It should also be noted that if a patron does not know their PIN, since it is a security feature, they do need to visit the library in person and show a photo ID in order to update their PIN.

And, if the voter is going to the library to update their PIN, they could also register to vote at the library, up to 20 days before an election.