



RESOLUTION#

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative
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Committee

JRG

Motion: Adopted:
1st Lost:
2nd Tabled:
No: Yes: Absent:
Number of votes required:
[X] Majority [ ] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: , Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To create a new nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

FISCAL NOTE: n/a

WHEREAS, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial federal census by the majority party. At the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts in this state pursuant to federal law, and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census, and

WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight lawsuits cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million, and

WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the needs of the people, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors recommends the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process promotes more accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

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WILLIAM CLENNING (Chairman)
GERALD NELSON
GARY ALLWORDEN
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WILLIAM MURPHY

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 21st day of October 20 13 .

County Clerk

County Board Chairman