

RECORD OF COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE NUMBER: 245-2012-2014

RE: A SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF NONPARTISAN PROCEDURES FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

24 AYES

___ NAYS

___ ABSENT

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___ ABSTAINED

___ VACANT DISTRICT ___


___ MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION:

APPROVE

VETO

DATE: 12/18/13

EXECUTIVE SIGNATURE: 

RECEIVED AND FILED IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

DATE: RECEIVED AND FILED

SIGNATURE: DEC 18 2013

PORTAGE COUNTY
COUNTY CLERK

Resolution No. 245-2013-2014

RE: A Sense of the Board Resolution Supporting the Creation of Nonpartisan Procedures for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans for the State of Wisconsin

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, currently, under the state constitution, the state legislature is required to redistrict legislative boundaries according to the population at the session following the decennial federal census by the majority party. At the same intervals, the state legislature also reapportions congressional districts according to federal law; and

WHEREAS, the process utilized in 2011 to draw redistricting maps and the ensuing legal fees cost state taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and

WHEREAS officials of both parties agree that, historically, legislative and congressional redistricting have been subject to significant partisan influences; and

WHEREAS two bills have been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature to reform redistricting (Assembly Bill 185 and Senate Bill 163) which direct the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau to draw redistricting areas based on objective standards and provide for the creation of a nonpartisan Redistricting Advisory Commission to provide oversight of the process and represent the public interest;

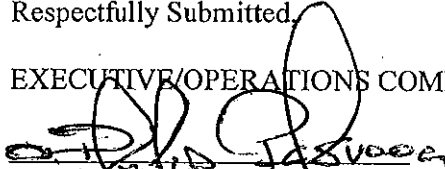
FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation of funds is required for this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the public interest objective of the creation of nonpartisan procedures for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans as set forth in this resolution. The Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of the resolution to the Governor, legislators representing Portage County in the legislature and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

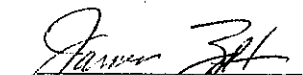
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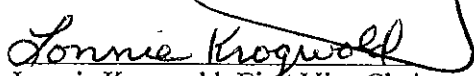
Respectfully Submitted,

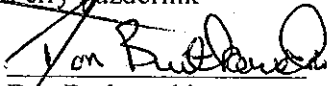
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