

RESOLUTION 2 -20/18

**RESOLUTION TO URGE CREATION OF A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE
FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
REDISTRICTING PLANS**

1 **INTRODUCED BY:** Administrative and Finance Committee
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3 **INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To urge creation of a nonpartisan procedure for
4 preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.
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6 **FISCAL NOTE:** None.
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8 **WHEREAS:** Currently under the State constitution, the legislature is directed to
9 redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next
10 session following the decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the
11 same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant
12 to federal law; and
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14 **WHEREAS:** Legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant
15 to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of
16 Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census; and
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18 **WHEREAS:** Historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have
19 been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the
20 electoral prerogative of the people; and
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22 **WHEREAS:** The 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting
23 those maps cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 Million; and
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25 **WHEREAS:** A panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the
26 redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and
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28 **WHEREAS:** Redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is
29 done by Republicans or Democrats; and
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31 **WHEREAS:** The process would promote more accountability and transparency
32 and would prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and
33 the incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing
34 the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by
35 the U. S. Constitution.
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37 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of**
38 **Supervisors** urges the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation
39 of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Adams County Clerk is directed to send
42 a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the
43 Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin
44 League of Municipalities, all members of the State legislature, and to each
45 Wisconsin County Clerk.
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47 Recommended for adoption by the Administrative and Finance Committee this
48 5 day of January, 2018.

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56 Adopted X
57 Defeated _____ by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this
58 Tabled _____ 16 day of January, 2018.

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61 County Board Chair

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County Clerk

- 63 Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
- 64 Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator