

RESOLUTION #26-17

RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Nonpartisan Procedure for Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans Supported

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Pomush		
2. White		
3. Finn		
4. Clark		
5. Baker		
6. Vacant		
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson		
9. Jaques		
10. Quam		
11. Finendale		
12. Lear		
13. Allen		
14. Ryan		
15. Hendrickson		
16. Luostari		
17. Liebaert		
18. Corbin		
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21. Bergman		
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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; and at the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts 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, historically, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people, and

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

WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

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.

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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.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2017.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Luostari, to adopt. Motion by Pomush, second Baker, to amend resolution and sponsor by County Board. Motion carried. Motion to adopt as amended, carried.