

RESOLUTION NO. 19-16
**CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE CREATION OF A
NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS AND MAPS**

WHEREAS, under the state constitution, the majority party of the legislature is directed at its next session following the decennial federal census to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants; and, at the same interval, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, the current procedure stifles political participation, discourages collaboration and compromise, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one-vote; it allows the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives; and

WHEREAS, a non-partisan 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; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Wisconsin legislative 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 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 Pierce County Board of Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

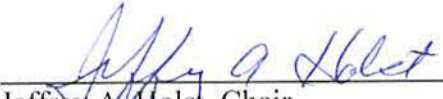
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pierce County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 7, 2020 Spring election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____ NO _____

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 Board.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2019.



Jeffrey A. Holst, Chair
Pierce County Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED TO BY:



Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY:



Bradley D. Lawrence, Corp. Counsel

Adopted: November 12, 2019