

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-46

RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE TO CREATE A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

To the Honorable members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

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, 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 Republicans or Democrats or any partisan political party does it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors ^{urges} insists upon 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 incumbent' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Government Services Committee

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Janet Bernberg, Chairman

Thomas Roanhouse, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Secretary

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**The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive