

October 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

**WHEREAS**, currently under the Wisconsin 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 Brown County Board of Supervisors requests the State Legislature, before the start of the next redistricting process following the 2020 federal census, to pass legislation that creates a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of state legislative and congressional redistricting plans, that promotes more accountability and transparency, and that 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 law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Brown County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and to Brown County's Legislative Representatives.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the general fund. The cost of the resolution is \$5.98.*

Respectfully submitted,

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Approved By:

 10/25/17  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Date)

Authored by Supervisor James Kneiszel  
Reviewed, Edited and Approved by Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # 10b

Roll Call Vote

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer

Seconded by Supervisor Lefebvre

SUPERVISOR NAMES	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
SIEBER	1	↓		
DE WANE	2			
NICHOLSON	3			
HOYER	4			
GRUSZYNSKI	5			
LEFEBVRE	6			
ERICKSON	7			
ZIMA	8			
EVANS	9			
VANDER LEEST	10			
BUCKLEY	11		✓	
LANDWEHR	12		✓	
DANTINNE, JR	13		✓	

SUPERVISOR NAMES	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
BRUSKY	14	✓		
BALLARD	15	✓		
KASTER	16			✓
VAN DYCK	17			✓
LINSSEN	18	↓		
KNEISZEL	19			
CLANCY	20			
CAMPBELL	21			
MOYNIHAN JR	22			
BLOM	23			
SCHADEWALD	24			
LUND	25			
BECKER	26			

Total Votes Cast 26  
Motion: Adopted  Defeated  Tabled

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## RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE SUBMISSION TO COUNTY BOARD

**DATE:** 10-10-2017  
**REQUEST TO:** County Board  
**MEETING DATE:** 10-18-2017  
**REQUEST FROM:** Supervisor James Kneiszel/Administration Committee

**REQUEST TYPE:**  New resolution     Revision to resolution  
 New ordinance     Revision to ordinance

**TITLE:**        **Redistricting Resolution**

### ISSUE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Resolution to create a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of state legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

### ACTION REQUESTED:

Passage of Resolution.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

*NOTE: This fiscal impact portion is initially completed by requestor, but verified by the DOA and updated if necessary.*

1. Is there a fiscal impact?  Yes  No
  - a. If yes, what is the amount of the impact?        \$Nominal mailing cost
  - b. If part of a bigger project, what is the total amount of the project?  
      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Is it currently budgeted?  Yes  No
    1. If yes, in which account?
    2. If no, how will the impact be funded? Postage Fund?

**COPY OF RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED**

# COUNTIES THAT HAVE PASSED FAIR MAPS RESOLUTIONS



Source: Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, September 2017

#fairmaps