

Resolution Number: 2017-09-03

Creating a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

Motion to Adopt By: Tim Zeglin				
Seconded By: Jeanne Nutter				
Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	A
1	Frey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Winters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	S. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Sacia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Brandt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Killian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	D. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Haines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Aasen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Walek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Zeglin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Fimreite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Nutter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Skoyen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Vold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOTALS	17	0	0

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 viewed by many to be subject to partisan influence; 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 that case is now on appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors 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 chosen must promote accountability and transparency and prohibit 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

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.

First Reading: 9/18/2017

Second Reading: Waived

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Adopted

Defeated

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)s.s.
 CO. OF TREMPLEALEAU)

I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: 9/18/2017


 Paul Syverson, County Clerk

Introduced by: Executive & Finance Committee

_____, Tim Zeglin, Chair

_____, John Aasen

_____, Dick Miller

_____, Sally Miller

_____, Doug Winters

Committee Approval Date: September 6, 2017

Committee Vote: 5 - 0

Resolution Drafted by: Paul L. Syverson

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: YES

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) No fiscal impact