Resolution No. 34 - 07/19
Urging the State Legislature to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth 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, transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information and incumbent’s residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward 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 and all State Assembly and Senators representing Walworth County.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2019
**Action Required:**

- Majority Vote: **X**
- Two-thirds Vote: _____
- Other: _____

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

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I. **Title:** Urging the State Legislature to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to urge the State Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will not fiscally impact the County budget.

IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

   Committee: Executive Committee  
   Meeting Date: June 17, 2019  
   Vote: 5-0  
   County Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2019

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

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