

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

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, currently under the State Constitution, the Legislature is directed to redistrict
4 legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the
5 decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the same intervals, the Legislature also
6 reapportions congressional districts pursuant to Federal law; and,

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8 **WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure
9 are used to elect members of the Legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second
10 year following the year of the census; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, historically, legislative and congressional plan in Wisconsin have been subject to
13 partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the
14 people; and,

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16 **WHEREAS**, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps cost
17 taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and,

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19 **WHEREAS**, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by
20 Republicans or Democrats.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
23 insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and
24 congressional redistricting plans.

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the process promotes more accountability, transparency
27 and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information and incumbent’s residence
28 information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure
29 minority participation as required by the United States Constitution.

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of
32 this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association,
33 the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities and all State
34 Assembly and Senators representing Walworth County.

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38 Nancy Russell
39 County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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41 County Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2019

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1 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:

Date	Date
David A. Bretl	Nicole Andersen
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

