



RESOLUTION # 24-8/17

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 825

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 25  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 4  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: CREATING A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS**

**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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse 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.

**FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

Date: Aug 17 2017

[Signature]  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

[Signature]  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Maureen Freedland and Jerome Gundersen  
Date Requested: July 20, 2017  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of August, 2017

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk