

RESOLUTION 2017-15

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

Motion:	Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 st <u>Barribeau</u>	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd <u>Karth</u>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes: <u>19</u> No: <u>0</u>	Absent: <u>2</u>
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by:	Kimberly Tenerelli Corp Counsel

To the Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors of Calumet County, Wisconsin:

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 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 have 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 Calumet 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 and transparency and 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 the U.S. Constitution.

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

	YES	NO	A	
1 BARRIBEAU				
2 BUDDE				
3 CONNORS				
4 DEITER				
5 DIETRICH				
6 DRAHEIM				
7 GENTZ				
8 GIBLER				
9 HARTL				
10 HOFBERGER				X
11 KARTH				
12 KLECKNER				
13 LA SHAY				
14 LAUGHRIN				
15 MUELLER				X
16 STANKE				
17 STECKER				
18 SCHWALENBERG				
19 STIER				
20 STILLMAN				
21 WEINBERGER				

Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

Dated this 19th day of September 2017.

INTRODUCED BY:

Merlin Gentz
Merlin Gentz, Supervisor

Alice Connors
Alice Connors, Supervisor

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

Alice Connors
Alice Connors, County Board Chair

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF CALUMET
CERTIFIED COPY**

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original of which I am legal custodian for the County Clerk of Calumet County.

Signed by

Jessica A. Fine
County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

September 22, 2017
Date