

RESOLUTION 66-16

RESOLUTION TO CREATE 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 deferral 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 has 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 Grant 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 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 Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

Administrative Committee recommendation to send this Resolution to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plan to the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, Chair
Mike Lieurance, Secretary
/s/ Roger Guthrie
/s/ Dale Hood

/s/Mark Stead, Vice Chair
/s/ John Patcle
/s/ Robert Scallon

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a legal meeting on day 20th of March, 2018.

Authorized Signature: /s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

ATTEST: I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution #66-16 to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on this day 20TH of March , 2018.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Resolution to create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting plans. County Clerk Linda K. Gebhard presented the resolution to the County Board Members. The resolution was approved by the Administrative Committee to come before the County Board.

A motion was made by Carol Beals, seconded by John Beinborn to approve the resolution to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional redistricting plans . Motion carried.