



**Resolution No. 4 (2020)  
RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM ON QUESTION FOR FAIR MAPS**

**COVER MEMO**

**TO:** County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Patrick Thompson, County Administrator  
**DATE:** January 7, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution for Referendum on Question for Fair Maps

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**



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1           **WHEREAS**, under the state constitution, the majority party of the legislature is directed  
2 at its next session following the decennial federal census to redistrict legislative districts according  
3 to the number of inhabitants; and, at the same interval, the legislature also reapportions  
4 congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and  
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6           **WHEREAS**, the current procedure stifles political participation, discourages collaboration  
7 and compromise, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the  
8 principle of one-person-one-vote; it allows the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters  
9 choosing their representatives; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, a non-partisan process promotes more accountability and transparency and  
12 prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence  
13 information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure  
14 minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution; and  
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16           **WHEREAS**, the 2011 Wisconsin legislative process to draw the maps and fight litigation  
17 contesting those maps cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting done in  
20 Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and  
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22           **WHEREAS**, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by  
23 Republicans or Democrats.  
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25           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of  
26 Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure of legislative and congressional  
27 redistricting plans.  
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29           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors, in  
30 legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April  
31 7, 2020 Spring election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

32           **Question: Should St. Croix County request that the Wisconsin Legislature create a**  
33 **nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans**  
34 **and maps?**  
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36           \_\_\_\_\_ **YES**    \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**  
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38           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this  
39 resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the  
40 Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state  
41 legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

**Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:**

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact: Referendum question on an existing election day has little to no incremental cost.

  
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Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 12/12/2019

  
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Ken Witt, Assistant County Administrator 12/13/2019

  
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Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 12/13/2019

12/16/19 Administration Committee RECOMMENDED

**RESULT:** RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Roy Sjoberg, Vice-Chair  
**SECONDER:** Tammy Moothedan, Supervisor  
**AYES:** Sjoberg, Moothedan, Fosterling, Peterson, Hable

Vote Confirmation.

  
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David Peterson Administration, Chairman 12/17/2019

**St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:**

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [12 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Peterson, Supervisor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Roy Sjoberg, Supervisor
<b>AYES:</b>	Schachtner, Sjoberg, Malick, Moothedan, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Tellijohn, Peterson, Achterhof, Hable, Peavey
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jim Endle, Tom Coulter, Dan Fosterling
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lynda Miller, Bob Feidler, District 13, Paulette Anderson

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2020

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk