

**Resolution No. 06-21**

**RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE  
ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON  
CREATION OF NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL  
REDISTRICTING PLANS AND MAPS**

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Olson		X	
Route	X		
Warnahl	X		
Nelson (Chairperson)			X
LaBlanc	X		
Ruck		X	
Prichard	X		
Kelly		X	
O'Connell	X		
Middleton	X		
Luke (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair)	X		
Duncanson	X		
Arcand		X	
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)	X		
Demulling	X		

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: A two-thirds vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve      Adopted

1<sup>st</sup> Duncanson      Defeated

2<sup>nd</sup> LaBlanc

Yes: 10      No: 4      Exc: 1

Reviewed by:  
Melan G. Malone, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:  
Vince Nathurband, Administrator

Reviewed by:  
[Signature], Finance

**FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:**  
This Resolution has no fiscal or significant legal impact on County operations and only modifies internal procedures for filling a mid-term vacancy on the Board and the manner in which the Board receives public comments.

**Certification:**

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 19th day of January, 2021 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Lisa R. Ross  
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County Clerk, Polk County

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**TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, the Polk County Board of Supervisors on 1/19/21 passed a resolution calling for nonpartisan legislative and congressional redistricting maps; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the practice of redistricting by the majority party stifles political participation and competition, discourages collaboration and compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one vote, and

**WHEREAS**, the current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare redistricting plans and maps that may result in unfair partisan plans and maps, allowing the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives, which is commonly called gerrymandering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby approves that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021 Spring General Election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Polk County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Polk County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the 4/6/2021 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
Francis Duncanson

**Committee** General Government

Recommended  
 Not Recommended  
 Neutral