

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43**

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

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**WHEREAS**, the Racine County Board of Supervisors on August 28, 2018, passed Resolution No. 2018-46 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**, there are numerous indicators that the citizens of Wisconsin are concerned about the practice of redistricting by whichever party holds the majority, because it may stifle political participation and competition, discourage collaboration and compromise, and lack 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 Racine County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2020 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Racine County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot; and

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4 **BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send  
5 results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin  
6 Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of  
7 Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County  
8 Board.

9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS**

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13 2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Nick Demske

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15 **BOARD ACTION**

16 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Donald J. Trottier

17 For \_\_\_\_\_

18 Against \_\_\_\_\_

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Fabi Maldonado

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21 **VOTE REQUIRED: Majority**  
22 Prepared by: Corporation Counsel

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Eric Hopkins

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13 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
14 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

15 **Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**  
16 **Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_**

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18 **Date: \_\_\_\_\_,**

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21 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**