

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 - \_\_\_\_\_**

A Resolution Establishing A Referendum For The April 6, 2021 Election Calling For The Creation Of A Non-Partisan Procedure For Drafting Legislative And Congressional Districts In Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, at its October 31, 2017 meeting, the County Board adopted Resolution 17-99 urging the Legislature to create a non-partisan procedure for drafting Legislative and Congressional districts in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS all counties in Wisconsin are being asked to adopt a like Resolution, including calling for the establishment of a referendum on this question to be placed on the ballot in the County in the April 6, 2021 election, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the creation of a non-partisan procedure for drawing Legislative and Congressional districts is to eliminate the practice known as gerrymandering according to which the majority party in the Legislature seeks to draft districts which are favorable to that party and these districts last until after the next Federal census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby reaffirms Resolution No. 17-99 calling for the creation of a non-partisan procedure for drafting Legislative and Congressional districts in Wisconsin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval is hereby granted for the following question to be placed on the April 6, 2021 ballot as an advisory referendum question:

“Question: Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a non-partisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps?”

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick shall prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the County Clerk and, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, section 8.37, this Resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 6, 2021 election, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send the results of the referendum election to Governor Tony Evers, to all State Legislators whose districts include any portion of Richland County and to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION		RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND ETHICS BOARD		
AYES _____ NOES _____		FOR AGAINST		
RESOLUTION _____		_____	_____	_____
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COUNTY CLERK		_____	_____	_____
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