

# Richland County Rules & Resolutions Committee

## Agenda Item Cover

**Agenda Item Name:** Fair Maps Advisory Referendum

<b>Department</b>	n/a (County Board)	<b>Presented By:</b>	Shaun Murphy-Lopez
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12/3/20	<b>Action Needed:</b>	Resolution
<b>Disclosure:</b>	Open Session	<b>Authority:</b>	Committee Structure, Section D
<b>Date submitted:</b>	11/30/20	<b>Referred by:</b>	None

### Recommendation and/or action language:

Recommend a motion, to present a resolution to the County Board to conduct a countywide advisory referendum on creation of nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans and maps.

### Background:

On October 31, 2017, the Richland County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution #17-99 regarding a non-partisan procedure for drafting legislative and congressional districts in Wisconsin (see Attachment A). At that time, only one county's voters had passed an advisory referendum regarding fair maps (Dane County in April 2014). Since then voters in 27 additional counties have passed an advisory referendum (see Attachment B), including the neighboring counties of Crawford (November 2020), Iowa (November 2020), Sauk (November 2018), and Vernon (April 2019).

A template for a resolution is shown in Attachment C. For the advisory referendum to appear on the April 6, 2021 ballot, the resolution would need to be adopted at the December or January County Board meeting. This is due to Wisconsin Statute 8.37, which requires that referenda questions "be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots for the election no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the amendment, measure or question will appear on the ballot."

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### Attachments and References:

Attachment A: October 2017 Resolution #17-99
Attachment B: Map
Attachment C: Template Resolution

### Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

**Approval:**

**Review:**

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Department Head

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Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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