2020 RES-200

CHANGING THE SIZE OF THE DANE COUNTY BOARD AND DIRECTING THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO DRAW PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT MAPS ACCORDING TO THE NEW BOARD SIZE

Federal and state law mandate that every 10 years, after the federal census has been completed, governments are required to go through the redistricting process. This process is beginning now due to the 2020 U.S. census.

Under Wisconsin Statute 59.10, county governments in Wisconsin are required to redistrict following the federal decennial census ("decennial redistricting"). At the beginning of the decennial redistricting process, counties must first determine the size of the county board and appoint a redistricting commission to draw maps reflecting the selected county board size and corresponding districts.

Size ranges for counties are determined according to population and are governed by Wisconsin Statute 59.10. Reducing the size of the county board does nothing to reduce the statutory and constitutional mandates that are placed on counties.

The county is required to adopt a tentative county supervisory plan within *sixty (60) days* after the results of the federal census become available from the federal government or are published by a state agency, but no later than July 1, 2021. This process includes the development of a proposed county supervisory district plan establishing the number of supervisory districts proposed by the board with tentative boundaries for each district and the holding of a public hearing on the proposed plan.

The Executive Committee of the Dane County Board sought public engagement and input over the summer regarding the question of whether the size of the Dane County Board should change for purposes of the next redistricting.

Based on public input and an analysis of issues related to continuing effective representation, diversity of representation, access to opportunities for all residents of Dane County to run for local office, committee structure, and relative costs, ~~to~~ the County Board~~, the Executive Committee~~ determined that ~~a slight reduction in board size from 37 supervisors/supervisory districts to 35~~ 37supervisors/supervisory districts would maintain the Dane County Board's high standard for effective representation of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors endorses ~~changing~~ maintaining the size of the county board ~~from~~ at 37 supervisors/supervisory districts ~~to 35 supervisors/supervisory districts~~ for the 2021 decennial redistricting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors directs the 2021 Redistricting Commission to conduct the 2021 redistricting process, including drawing the proposed Dane County Board district maps, based on a County Board size of ~~35~~37 supervisors/supervisory districts.