

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sup. Jeremy Zajac
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY

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SUBMITTED BY

July 7, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORTING AB 44 - FAIR MAP-REDISTRICTING LEGISLATION

- 1 **WHEREAS**, reform of the redistricting process that follows the ten-year federal census update has
- 2 been a growing concern; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, representative democracy depends on voters freely choosing their elected officials, not
- 5 elected officials choosing them; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin citizens favor transparency and accountability in the redistricting processes
- 8 and to reduce partisan practices that hinder effective democracy; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, AB 44 (and the companion SB 13) was introduced during the 2017 - 2018 Legislature
- 11 to provide needed reforms and would, among other items, assign responsibility for updating voting
- 12 districts to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), provide criteria for the re-districting process
- 13 consistent with court decisions and the Voting Rights Act; establish a Redistricting Advisory
- 14 Commission that would advise the LRB and hold public forums throughout the state of the LRB
- 15 developed redistricting plan; and establish an expedited court review process.
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- 17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 18 assembled this 14th day of September, 2017, supports AB 44 (and companion SB 13) as
- 19 it would provide for a redistricting process that is objective, accountable, timely, efficient, and
- 20 contains a reasonable degree of flexibility.
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Respectfully submitted,

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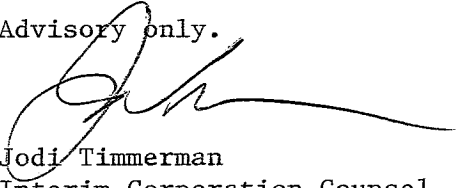
No fiscal impact to the County.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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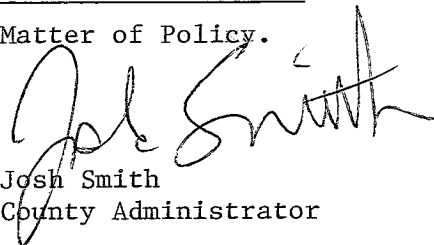
Advisory only.



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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.



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County Administrator