

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Rock County

April 7, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the County of Rock on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE SPRING 2020 COUNTY BALLOT ON
CREATION OF NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCEDURE

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, the practice of redistricting by the majority party stifles political participation and competition, and discourages collaboration and compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-vote; and,

WHEREAS, the current procedure allow 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 called gerrymandering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled the 23rd day of January, 2020 does hereby direct the Rock County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum on the April 7, 2020 county wide ballot.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION:

Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

EXPLANATION:

A **YES** vote urges the Wisconsin Legislature to change its current practice by creating a nonpartisan procedure for preparing legislative and congressional district plans and maps.

A **NO** vote supports the status quo practice of the Wisconsin Legislature preparing its own legislative and congressional district plan and maps.

Done in the City of Janesville
On April 6, 2020
Lisa Tollefson, Rock County Clerk