



RESOLUTION # 29-5/11

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 5-24

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 26  
Against: 7  
Abstain: 1  
Abs/Excd: 1  
Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**REDISTRICTING  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION**

Adopted: 5/5/11  
For: 9  
Against: 3  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: APPROVAL OF 2011 TENTATIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2011, the La Crosse County Clerk received the official results of the 2010 Federal Decennial Census of Population for the La Crosse County from the State of Wisconsin, Legislative Reference Bureau; and,

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board is required to adopt a tentative county supervisory district plan in accordance with Wis. Stats. s. 59.10(3)(b)1, Wis. Stats, within 60 days of receiving this data; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to s. 59.10(3)(a)1, Wis. Stats., counties with the population of less than 500,000 but at least 100,000 shall have no more than 47 supervisors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Federal Decennial Census Data established a total County population of 114,638; and,

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Redistricting Committee has solicited and received suggestions from municipalities concerning the development of an appropriate plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Redistricting Committee has recommended a 2011 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan consisting of 29 supervisory districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, under a 29 supervisory district plan, the ideal population of each district is 3,957 resulting in 13 supervisory districts in the City of La Crosse and 16 supervisory districts in the remainder of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the 29 supervisory district plan each district will be represented by one supervisor and all districts are substantially equal in population; and,

**WHEREAS**, in this tentative plan, the supervisory district with the largest population exceeds the ideal population by 1% and the district with the lowest population is 1% less than the ideal population; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tentative plan, whenever possible, places whole contiguous municipalities or contiguous parts of the same municipality within the same district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the supervisory districts in the tentative plan are compact, protect communities of interest and preserve political subdivisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse is required by s. 5.15(2)(b)2, Wis. Stats., to create wards ranging in population from 800 to 3200; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 29 supervisory district plan with an ideal population of 3957 per district allows the City of La Crosse to preserve the coterminous boundaries between the county supervisory districts and the City aldermanic districts if the City reduces its number of aldermanic districts to

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13 and creates at least 2 wards within the population range specified by law thereby reducing voter confusion; and,

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2011, a public hearing was held before the County Board on the proposed tentative plan; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan consisting of 29 supervisory districts complies with federal and state law for the creation of supervisory districts and is in the best interest of the citizens of La Crosse County for the reasons stated above.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board has solicited suggestions on the tentative plan from both the public and the municipalities located within La Crosse County at the public hearing held before the Board on May 16, 2011 and at various meetings of the Redistricting Committee.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, after giving due consideration to the public comment and suggestions by the municipalities, the La Crosse County Board does hereby adopt the 2011 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan dividing La Crosse County into 29 supervisory districts and hereby authorizes the County Clerk to transmit the 2011 tentative plan to each municipal governing body in the County and request that each municipality create its wards in accordance with Wis. Stats. s. 5.15 within the time required by law.

FISCAL NOTE: The average annual cost per supervisor is as follows: Wage/Fringe benefits = \$5,688; Travel & Other Miscellaneous Expenses = \$1,031; Total Average Cost/Supervisor = \$6,719. Therefore, a reduction of 6 supervisors would save the County approximately \$40,314/year (6 X \$6,719). However, the costs of elections paid by the County Clerk's office may increase in an undetermined amount because of a greater number of ballot styles required for elections resulting from the greater number of wards in the City of La Crosse and the possibility that the City Aldermanic Districts will not be coterminous with the County Supervisory Districts.

Date: May 19, 2011

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Steve Doyle, County Board Chair

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Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

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Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of May, 2011

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of May, 2011.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk