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## Rep. Melotik Votes In Favor of Nonpartisan Redistricting

**Madison**—State Representative Paul Melotik (R-Grafton) voted yes in favor of legislation that would establish a nonpartisan method of redistricting. Assembly Bill 415 adopts the model similar to what Iowa uses for redistricting.

“This legislation is common sense and has a nonpartisan agency create the maps,” said Rep. Melotik. Governor Evers floated the idea of giving redistricting power to the nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau. This legislation will do exactly that.

Under AB 415, the Legislature would appoint four members to an advisory commission, these members then choose their fifth member. The commission would hold at least three public hearings across the state to hear input from Wisconsin residents. The commission would then submit this information and testimony to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). LRB must draw up a proposal and submit it to the legislature. All proposals are subject to gubernatorial approval.

“Both the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court have already ruled the current maps are valid. The Wisconsin Legislature has proposed this nonpartisan redistricting model numerous times over the last few legislative sessions. It’s time both sides come together and get this done.” said Rep. Melotik.

With this legislation, political or election data is illegal for the LRB to use in any capacity as is the case in Iowa. No district may be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, incumbent legislator, or other person or group.

AB 415 will now head to the Senate for consideration.

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