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### **Rep. Born Votes for Iowa-Style Nonpartisan Redistricting**

*Assembly Bill 415 Passes State Assembly with bipartisan vote*

**Madison** – On Thursday, Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of Assembly Bill 415, which would implement nonpartisan redistricting in Wisconsin.

“Wisconsin is experiencing extreme hostility in politics and mounting costs related to redistricting,” Rep. Born said. “Now is the time to implement a system, which has worked in Iowa for over 40 years, that keeps the process designated to the Legislature as required under the Constitution while taking the animosity and distrust out of the process.”

Under the proposal, the state’s well-respected nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) would draw the state’s Legislative district boundaries. The process would be overseen by the redistricting advisory commission, comprised of five members: one appointed by the Speaker, Assembly Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader. These four members would select the fifth member as chairperson.

Maps drawn by the LRB under this proposal would need to follow other existing standards like keeping districts contiguous, compact and a population deviation of no more than one percent of the ideal district population. The districts could not be drawn to favor a political party, incumbent legislators or other groups, along with following other federal laws (i.e. the Voting Rights Act).

“While this concept has been discussed in the past, the proposal has taken on new importance considering the cost and divisiveness facing our state,” Rep. Born added. “Now is the time to implement a system that is well-respected and can be trusted by our citizens, regardless of political affiliation.”

Assembly Bill 415 passed the State Assembly 64-32 and now goes to the State Senate.

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