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Representative Hurd Votes in Favor of Non-Partisan Redistricting Bill

Madison – State Representative Karen Hurd (R-Fall Creek) and her colleagues in a bi-partisan vote passed a non-partisan redistricting bill based on the model used in Iowa. This bill creates a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw legislative maps in accordance with state and federal law, to be voted on by the legislature and signed into law by the governor.

Under the bill, Republicans and Democrats have equal representation on a board that reviews every legislative district drawn by the non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). Iowa’s approach to redistricting has long been seen by scholars and political observers as the most fair and transparent in the nation. The agency drafts districts that are uniform in population, compact, and contiguous which puts fairness and integrity above partisan politics.

“Iowa’s model has been tested and proven for decades. As LRB falls under the oversight of the legislature, this model remains in line with the Wisconsin state constitution. This is a redistricting plan that is both non-partisan and legal.”

The legislative package now heads to the state Senate for consideration.

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The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.