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Senator Knodl Supports Bipartisan Redistricting Reform

Madison – Senator Knodl introduced Senate Bill 488, which reforms Wisconsin redistricting process.

"I was sent to Madison to protect the constitution and represent my constituents. This bill does both by adopting a proposal which has achieved bipartisan support in the past and which works with the requirements set by our state constitution. The people of Wisconsin are looking to us to lower the temperature in Madison, and this bill will help bring the never-ending litigation and brinkmanship around our legislative maps to an end.

"I am hopeful that all members can come together as adults and enact these reforms."

Senate Bill 488 is a companion bill to Assembly Bill 415, which passed the State Assembly on a bipartisan vote. According to a report by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* last month, the proposed legislation is "nearly identical" to legislation that has been proposed by Democrats in four previous legislative sessions, including a bill that was co-sponsored by every Democratic member of the legislature just two years ago. The bill would place the drawing of legislative districts into the hands of the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, a nonpartisan legislative service agency, closely modeling the process in place in the state of Iowa.

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