The Wisconsin Congressional delegation is holding their first informational meeting on redistricting next week and asked for a brief breakdown of the timeline and steps in the redistricting process. Below is a draft of what I was planning on responding to them with but I wanted to get your comments first.

Thanks,

Tad

Redistricting Timeline

Early March

We are awaiting the arrival of the PL data from the census bureau. We were originally told it might be here last week, but now are being told that it will be coming in "early March". Wisconsin is not on the list of states scheduled to receive the data next week: http://www.census.gov/geo/data/2010_census_redistricting_data_pr_94-171_summary_files.html

There is also the possibility that a federal government shutdown could delay the arrival of the data.

March to October

Once the census data arrives, counties will have 60 days to form tentative supervisory districts. Municipalities will have 60 days after that to form ward boundaries, and then counties will have an additional 60 days to finalize supervisory districts.

Assuming a mid to late March arrival of the data, this puts us in a late September/early October timeframe for receipt of the updated ward data that will be used to draw legislative maps.

October 2010 to spring 2011

Once the state has the updated ward data, the Legislature will lay out a time frame for the remainder of the redistricting process, including opportunities for public input and an anticipated timeline for legislative action on congressional and legislative redistricting plans.

I think this looks good. My only suggested change would be in the last heading. I would change "October 2010 to spring 2011" to "October 2011 to early 2012" -- replacing "spring" with "early" so as not to give the impression that any particular strategy has been reached on timing as it relates to the legislative process. "Early" is sufficiently ambiguous.

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