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A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

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Increasing the membership of the County Board of Supervisors from 18 to 21 effective
by the February 2022 Spring Primary Election

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10 WHEREAS, the membership size of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
11 has fluctuated over the years and is presently composed of 18 County citizens (File
12 Nos. 11-209 and 11-364); and

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WHEREAS, Milwaukee County in File No. 15-691 modified Chapter 3 of the
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by creating an independent citizen
redistricting committee composed of six retired judges appointed by the County Board
Chairman and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors; and

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WHEREAS, the Boards of Supervisors for the other largest Wisconsin counties
have more members:

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- Dane (37)
- Waukesha (25)
- Brown (26)
- Racine (21)

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WHEREAS, as Milwaukee County strives to become the healthiest county in
Wisconsin (File No. 19-397), it is imperative to ensure adequate representation in the
halls of government for persons of color, especially as populations have shifted
throughout Milwaukee County from 2010 to 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Audit, at its meeting of April 14, 2021, laid over
File No. 21-123 for one meeting cycle, and referred File No. 21-123 to the Research
Services Division, Office of the Comptroller (vote 5-0); and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Audit, at its meeting of May 12, 2021,
recommended REJECTION of File No. 21-123 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby increases the membership of the
42 County Board of Supervisors from 18 to 21 coinciding with the enumeration and
43 redistricting of the 2020 United States Decennial Census and redistricting which by law
44 shall take effect by the February 2022 Spring Primary; and

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby requests the County
47 Clerk transmit the contents of this resolution and ordinance to the Independent
48 Redistricting Committee prescribed in Section 3.01 of the Milwaukee County General
49 Ordinances; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
52 hereby amends Section 3.01(3) of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances by
53 adopting the following:

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55 **AN ORDINANCE**

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57 The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

58 **Section 1. Chapter 3 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances is amended as**
59 **follows:**

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61 3.01 – Apportionment of county board.

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63 (3) *Apportionment of supervisory districts.* ~~Eighteen~~ Twenty-one (18 21)
64 supervisory districts are hereafter established as the county supervisory
65 districts for the spring primary in February ~~2012~~ 2022 and spring election in
66 April ~~2012~~ 2022 and are to remain in effect until the ~~2020~~ 2030 federal
67 decennial population census is certified, or unless and until the number of
68 supervisory districts changes. A county board resolution will be submitted
69 in tandem with the certification of every ~~the 2020~~ federal decennial
70 population census ~~and thereafter~~ to adopt the number of supervisory
71 districts established in the recommended map.

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73 **Section 2.** This ordinance is effective upon passage and publication.

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