

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** January 21, 2016

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** Amending Chapter 3 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by directing that any new redistricting plan developed for adoption to create the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisory districts shall be developed by an Independent Redistricting Committee that redraws supervisory districts in the best interest of the citizens of Milwaukee County

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

- No Direct County Fiscal Impact
  - Existing Staff Time Required
- Increase Operating Expenditures  
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
  - Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
  - Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
- Decrease Operating Expenditures
- Increase Operating Revenues
- Decrease Operating Revenues
- Increase Capital Expenditures
- Decrease Capital Expenditures
- Increase Capital Revenues
- Decrease Capital Revenues
- Use of contingent funds

*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

**In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
  - A. Approval of this resolution would endorse the formation of an Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) to develop a redistricting plan, present such a plan at required hearings and recommend it to the County Board for consideration and passage. The resolution outlines the composition of the IRC to be made up of six (6) retired judges appointed by the County Board Chairperson and the criteria that the IRC would use in developing the recommended redistricting plan.

The resolution also calls for the County to provide the IRC meeting space and "adequate" funding to complete its tasks in a timely manner, including monies to retain independent technical assistance from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). The County will compensate the members of the IRC \$5,000, or an amount comparable to other similarly structured panels/committees. If adopted, this ordinance will require an expenditure of \$30,000 for the compensation of the IRC, plus the costs of the technical assistance provided by SEWRPC, and any other associated administrative costs each time a federal census/County redistricting occurs and the IRC is convened. This fiscal note does not attempt to quantify the technical costs of the services offered by SEWRPC or any additional administrative costs, as the scope of the engagement has not yet been determined.

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<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

<sup>2</sup> Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

In addition, all 19 municipalities are requested to utilize the County's redistricting process and resources at the expense of Milwaukee County. For municipalities that decline the County's redistricting services, a detailed report outlining their process, costs, maps, and demographics will be requested. The municipalities that take advantage of Milwaukee County's offered services will be required to hold a public hearing for public comment on the recommended redistricting maps. Municipalities will retain the final approval on their respective maps.

- B. Since the IRC would not be created until after the 2020 census is completed, no funding would be required in 2016 or 2017.
- C. This policy would be in effect immediately, but would likely not be used until the next required redistricting, which begins after the 2020 census is complete and a new redistricting plan is approved prior to the 2022 elections. Therefore, this resolution does not have a fiscal impact for the current year. As stated previously, this fiscal note does not attempt to quantify the additional costs that may be incurred after 2020 to provide administrative and technical support to the IRC to fulfill its charge.
- D. It is assumed that the IRC will not be convened until after the year 2020.

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Authorized Signature



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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CDBP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required

