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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Calling upon the State of Wisconsin to revise representation on the Southeastern  
7 Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) based on population  
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10 WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
11 (SEWRPC) is the official metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and regional  
12 planning commission for the seven counties of southeastern Wisconsin, existing  
13 pursuant to 23 United State Code §§ 134-135 and Wis. Stat. § 66.0309; and  
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15 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1960, SEWRPC has distributed federal  
16 transportation dollars between members and provided objective research and  
17 information for regional planning relating to highways, transit, sewerage, water supply,  
18 parks, flood mitigation, air and water pollution, and land use generally; and SEWRPC  
19 has specifically benefited Milwaukee County by providing studies and plans such as:  
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- 21 • A North-South Transit Enhancement Feasibility Study for 27<sup>th</sup> Street (ongoing)
- 22 • VISION 2050, a 30-year regional land use and transportation plan (File No. 19-  
23 434)
- 24 • A memo regarding regional transit and workforce development to connect  
25 Milwaukee, Racine, and the Foxconn manufacturing complex (File No. 18-255)
- 26 • Milwaukee County's East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project (File No. 16-148)

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30 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(3)(a) specifies that a regional planning  
31 commission containing the City of Milwaukee shall be composed of three appointed  
32 commissioners per member county, resulting in SEWRPC having 21 delegates; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(14) imposes an unfunded mandate on local  
35 communities to provide basic financial support for regional planning commissions via a  
36 regional property tax levy apportioned to each county proportionately based on  
37 equalized assessed property valuation and SEWRPC's regional property tax levy for its  
38 2021 budget is \$2,370,245 based on the January 1, 2019 regional assessed valuation,  
39 of which \$738,310 is assessed to the taxpayers of Milwaukee County via the taxing  
40 authority of Milwaukee County (File No. 20-603); and  
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42 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau's 2018 American Community  
43 Survey shows Milwaukee County has more than 46 percent of the region's population  
44 compared to only 14.28 percent of the representation on SEWRPC

<b>SEWRPC Membership, Representation, and Tax Levy</b>					
<b>County</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Percent Region</b>	<b>Actual Representation</b>	<b>Percent Representation</b>	<b>2021 "Dues"</b>
Milwaukee	948,201	46.35%	3	14.28%	\$738,310
Waukesha	403,072	19.70%	3	14.28%	\$654,370
Racine	196,584	9.61%	3	14.28%	\$181,070
Kenosha	169,290	8.28%	3	14.28%	\$184,980
Washington	135,693	6.63%	3	14.28%	\$177,555
Walworth	103,718	5.07%	3	14.28%	\$172,620
Ozaukee	89,147	4.36%	3	14.28%	\$142,830
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,045,705</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,251,735</b>

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47 WHEREAS, a foundational principle of American government is "one person, one  
48 vote" and county representation on SEWRPC should be proportional to the number of  
49 people each county represents on the Commission; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of  
52 September 10, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-613 (vote 4-0); now,  
53 therefore,

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55 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby calls upon the State of Wisconsin  
56 to amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(3)(a) to revise the number of SEWRPC commissioners  
57 appointed from each county to be proportional to each county's population; and

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized  
60 and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the Wisconsin  
61 Governor and State policymakers, and support legislation that achieves the criteria  
62 outlined in this resolution; and

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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the County Clerk  
65 provide this resolution to State policymakers who represent any part of Milwaukee  
66 County.

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