

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 43 [2011 Senate Bill 148]

Legislative Redistricting

2011 Wisconsin Act 43 contains the legislative redistricting plan enacted by the Legislature that reconfigures the 132 Wisconsin legislative districts, based on the 2010 Census. Appended to the Act are population data and maps related to the new districts. With respect to regular elections, Act 43 first applies to offices filled at the 2012 general election. With respect to special or recall elections, Act 43 first applies to offices filled or contested concurrently with the 2012 general election.

Reference should also be made to *2011 Wisconsin Act 39*, relating to division of municipalities into wards and redistricting of supervisory and aldermanic districts and appointing a panel to hear challenges to the apportionment of a congressional or legislative district, and hearing certain appeals. Act 39 was enacted to facilitate the Legislature's redistricting of legislative and congressional districts-in 2011 Wisconsin Acts 43 and 44, respectively--before local units of government completed their redistricting processes. Act 39 took effect on August 9, 2011, and is summarized in the Act Memo at this link: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lc/publications/act/2011/act039-sb150.pdf.

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