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***Governor enacts fair legislative maps as previously submitted to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and recently approved by Republican-controlled Legislature with bipartisan support.***

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today fulfilled his longstanding promise to the people of Wisconsin to fight for and secure fair legislative maps for the state of Wisconsin, undoing more than a decade of Wisconsinites living under some of the most gerrymandered maps in the United States. Gov. Evers' effort to secure fair legislative maps marks the first time in over fifty years that Wisconsin will have fair legislative maps enacted through the legislative process rather than through the courts.



“I will always try to do the right thing for our state. Wisconsinites want fair maps, and Wisconsinites deserve fair maps. So, today, I’m enacting fair maps for the great state of Wisconsin,” Gov. Evers said. “When I promised I wanted fair maps—not maps that are better for one party or another—I damn well meant it. Wisconsin is not a red state or a blue state—we’re a purple state, and I believe our maps should reflect that basic fact.”

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“Today is a victory not for me or any political party but for our state and for the people of Wisconsin who’ve spent a decade demanding more and demanding better of us as elected officials,” Gov. Evers continued. “I believe, as I’ve often said, that the people should get to choose their elected officials, not the other way around. And under the maps I’m signing today, I am making good on that promise. It is a new day in Wisconsin, and today is a beautiful day for democracy.”

The fair legislative maps enacted by Gov. Evers today were previously [submitted by the governor to the Wisconsin Supreme Court](#)

for their consideration in ongoing redistricting litigation in *Clarke v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*

. Gov. Evers’ maps, as submitted to the Court, were passed by the Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Legislature with bipartisan support last week and enacted by the governor today as 2023 Wisconsin Act 94. The governor’s fair legislative maps, as enacted today, are responsive to the will of the people, avoid partisan bias, and increase the number of competitive legislative seats. A copy of the governor’s full remarks, as prepared for delivery at the bill signing today, are available [here](#)



The Wisconsin Supreme Court previously ruled Wisconsin’s legislative maps were unconstitutional, leaving no legislative maps in place for the 2024 election. Gov. Evers’ maps enacted today will take effect immediately after publication and will be in place for the fall elections, providing certainty for candidates and campaigns preparing to circulate nomination papers this spring.

Gov. Evers today also renewed his pledge to continue working to pass fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting in Wisconsin in order to guarantee that fair maps will always be the outcome when our state redistricts after each federal census.

“This is a great day for Wisconsin, and there is much to celebrate. And we’re not going to stop here. I—and we—are going to continue our fight for a fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting process for Wisconsin,” Gov. Evers concluded. “If the people of Wisconsin vote to send Democratic majorities to Madison this November, I’ll tell you right now: one of the first orders of business in our first 100 days together will be enacting a fair, independent, and

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nonpartisan redistricting system in Wisconsin.”

Today, Gov. Evers also submitted an official letter to the Wisconsin Supreme Court asking the Court to retain jurisdiction over this matter to resolve remaining issues, specifically which maps will apply to special elections occurring prior to the November 2024 General Election. A copy of the letter is available [here](#).

A detailed overview of the governor’s fair maps, as submitted to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and enacted today, is available [here](#), along with procedural history regarding *Clarke v.*

*Wisconsin Elections Commission*

. The governor’s maps are available here:

[Wisconsin State Assembly](#)

[Wisconsin State Senate](#)

[Senate Bill 488](#), now 2023 Wisconsin Act 94:

- Repeals and recreates subchapter III of chapter 4 [precedes 4.01] of Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of legislative redistricting; and
- As amended, enacts the maps proposed by Gov. Evers, which are responsive to the will of the people, avoid partisan bias, and increase the number of competitive legislative seats.