



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 44
[2011 Senate Bill 149]

Congressional Redistricting

2011 Wisconsin Act 44 contains the congressional redistricting plan enacted by the Legislature that reconfigures the eight Wisconsin congressional 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 44 first applies to offices filled at the 2012 general election. With respect to special or recall elections, Act 44 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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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.