

November 22, 2020

To: Wisconsin Supreme Court, State Capital, Madison, WI

From: Gilbert H Williams, US Citizen and resident of Spring Green, WI

RE: PETITION FOR PROPOSED RULE TO AMEND WIS. STAT. § 809.70 (RELATING TO ORIGINAL ACTIONS). PETITION FROM SCOTT JENSEN AND WISCONSIN INSTITUTE FOR LAW & LIBERTY.

I have read (to the best of my ability) the rule change put forth but the group, WILL. May I comment as with the following observations.

1. As a voting Citizen of Wisconsin, I have observed and read in news publications that the election system has been manipulated to over-represent one party (republican) and to under-represent the other party (democratic). This has been done by using gerrymandering to maintain a party advantage for the republicans in the state legislature. This has happened because the ruling party gets to determine district boundaries.
2. As a representative democracy, the election process is a measure of the will of the people. A true democracy can be had with a 2-party system, but the voting system must be rooted in integrity and able to determine the state legislature as it is voted on by the people. In this model, the legislature is decided by a competition of good ideas. Where no one political party or set of ideas has an advantage. It is up to the will of the people to determine the direction of our government.
3. I cannot accept an organization with ties to one political party having controlling input of the rule writing system for the allotment of voting districts. I do support the districting model used by the State of Iowa, where districting is determined by a non-partisan institution that can produce a district map that is genuinely fair to the voting public.
4. I support clear and open democracy. Where data determines outcome and science is accepted as evidence in decision making. All the voting people of Wisconsin have an equal right to the selection of State Assembly and Senate. I endorse a simple ruling stating that the determination of voting districts for state and federal legislatures must be done by a nonpartisan permanent institution that will determine voting districts on a fair basis.

A note of receipt of these comments is requested.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Williams

