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Special Election on Redistricting

This Special Edition is to inform Ho-Chunk Nation Members of the upcoming Special Election on Redistricting. The outcome will change the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board scheduled the Special Election for Redistricting and Reapportionment on Friday, October 18, 2024. Please see the notice, rules and details later in this edition.

Redistricting is the way the Nation changes the districts that decide who will represent tribal members in the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Every elected Representative of the Nation's Legislature is elected from districts. These districts divide areas and tribal members that live there into different geographic areas. The Ho-Chunk Constitution calls upon the Legislature to redistrict and provides that "[t]he Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election ..." Currently, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is comprised of four Legislative Districts. Each District has three or four elected Legislators

who represent Ho-Chunk Members living in the geographic region covered by the particular District.

The Special Election will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation voters to select one of three Redistricting Scenarios. The three Redistricting Scenarios are represented by three maps showing the proposed new Legislative Districts and the number of Ho-Chunk adult members and Legislators per District. Each District covers a different geographic region. The Special Election will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation voters to select the Redistricting Scenario that contains the Legislative Districts that will comprise the Legislature moving forward.

Included with this Special Edition is the following information:

- Color maps showing the existing Legislative District boundaries, as well as the three proposed Redistricting Scenarios. Each of the Redistricting Scenarios and the current map of existing Legislative boundaries are also available on the Ho-Chunk Nation website at www.ho-chunknation.com.
- A brief explanation of each Redistricting Scenario.
- An Implementation Plan for each proposed Redistricting Scenario. This is required by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code.
- A copy of the Resolution adopted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature,

including the final redistricting proposal (which consists of the three proposed Redistricting Scenarios).

- The Notice of Rules of Special Election, published and posted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board.

More information about Ho-Chunk Nation Redistricting can be obtained by contacting your Legislator(s) or contacting the Office of Legislative Counsel in the Legislative Branch: Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615; phone: 800-294-9343. For information about the Special Election, the Election Board office can be reached at 800-890-0583 and by email at Election.board@ho-chunk.com.

Redistricting Scenarios Proposed for Ho-Chunk Nation Special Election

On October 18, 2024, a Special Election will take place for eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation to select new boundaries for their Legislative Districts. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board will conduct this Special Election at various polling sites and has posted a notice with relevant information. The Special Election is taking place to fulfill the requirement in Article V, Section 4 of the Ho-Chunk Constitution, that a Special Election be held at least once every ten years, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation.

Voters will have three choices to consider with the proposed Redistricting Scenarios. The Legislature approved a final redistricting proposal on July 31, 2024 by resolution, consisting of Redistricting Scenarios 14, 17 and 24. Once the three Redistricting Scenarios were approved, they were provided to the Election Board to conduct a Special Election.

Redistricting Scenarios 14, 17 and 24 were selected by the Legislature for a variety

of reasons. For example, in pursuit of the constitutional concept of "one-person, one-vote," the Legislature chose these scenarios based on their percentages of tribal member representation in each new district, as compared to the number of Legislators representing each district. Also, the proposed scenarios help to sustain Ho-Chunk culture, tradition, and community affinities by promoting boundaries that encourage such connections. Moreover, these scenarios were also chosen because they feature districts that are internally contiguous.

The Ho-Chunk Election Board will conduct the Special Election consistent with the Nation's Constitution and Election Code. Since the Election Code requires that an Implementation Plan for each Redistricting Scenario be provided, this Special Edition includes the Implementation Plan for proposed Redistricting Scenarios 14, 17, and 24.

Notable aspects of each Redistricting Scenario include the following:

Scenario #14: The main change to the existing Districts in Scenario #14 is that certain counties are moved between Districts 1, 2, and 3. District 2 is reconfigured in order to maintain Ho-Chunk communities of interest. The new District 4 is the same as the current District 4. Please see maps included. The total number of Legislators would remain at thirteen and there would still be four Districts.

Scenario #17: This Scenario decreases the total number of Legislators from thirteen (currently) to twelve. The total number of Districts would increase to five (5). The Scenario makes this change in order to ensure adequate representation for tribal members in comparison to the total number of Legislators. The boundaries of new District 1 would change by moving some counties in the North Eastern part of the State to the new District 4. As compared to the current District 3, the new District 3 would change by decreasing the number of counties it contains - moving several

counties into the new District 4 and District 2. The current District 4 (all outside of Wisconsin) would become the new District 5 and would include the same geographic territory and representation as it does currently.

Scenario #24: Under Redistricting Scenario #24, there would be a decrease the total number of Legislators, from thirteen to twelve (12). However, there would still be four (4) Legislative Districts. The main difference in this Scenario is that three (3) of the Districts will have a connection from within the State of Wisconsin and extending out into a nearby State(s) (such as Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois). The new District 4 would change from the current District 4 boundary, in that it would no longer be the only legislative district representing tribal members outside the State of Wisconsin.

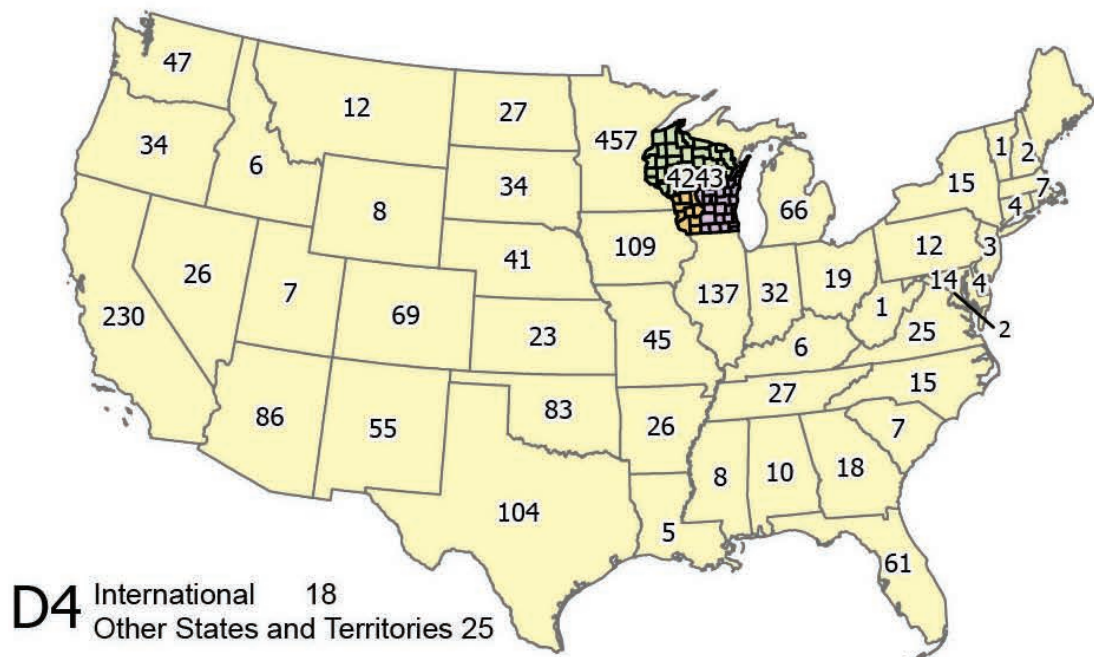
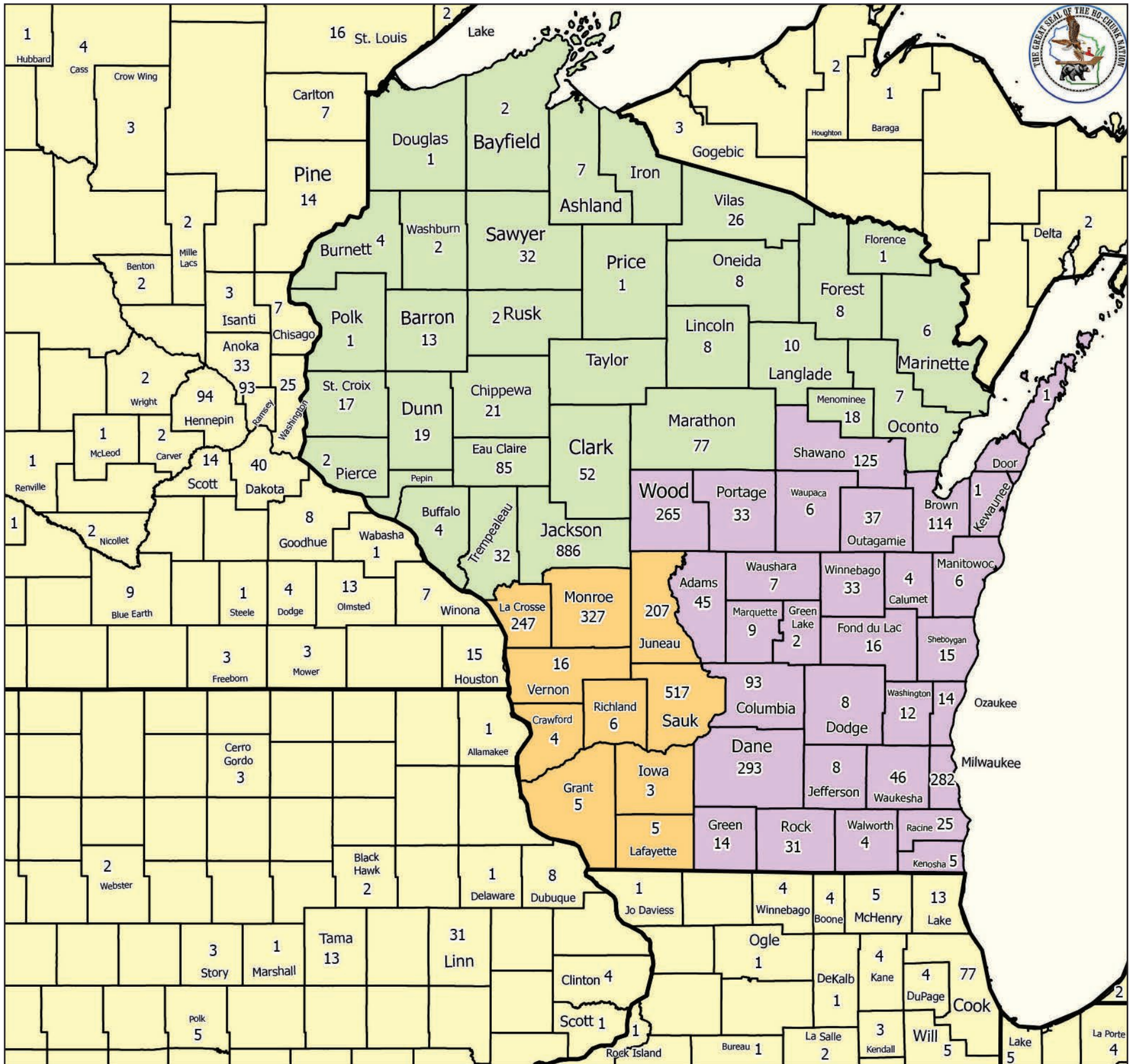
The Legislature encourages tribal members to review the Redistricting Scenarios and included maps in advance of the Special Election on October 18, 2024.

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Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Current Districts



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District Legislators Population 18+ Deviation

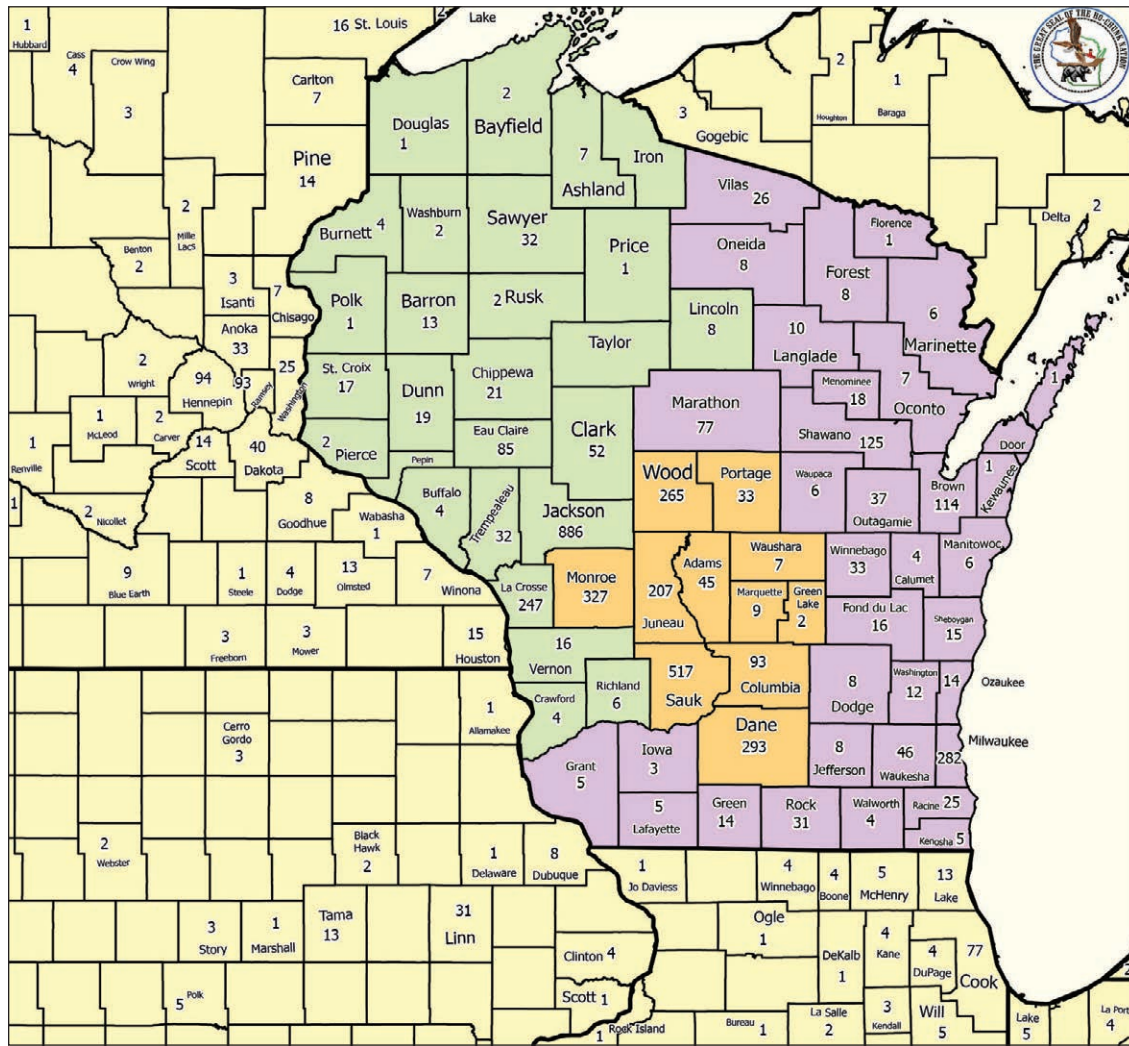
■	D1	3	1352	-7.2%
■	D2	3	1337	-8.23%
■	D3	3	1554	6.58%
■	D4	4	2073	6.58%

Average Statistics

Ideal Members per Legislator: 486
Deviation Range: 14.81%



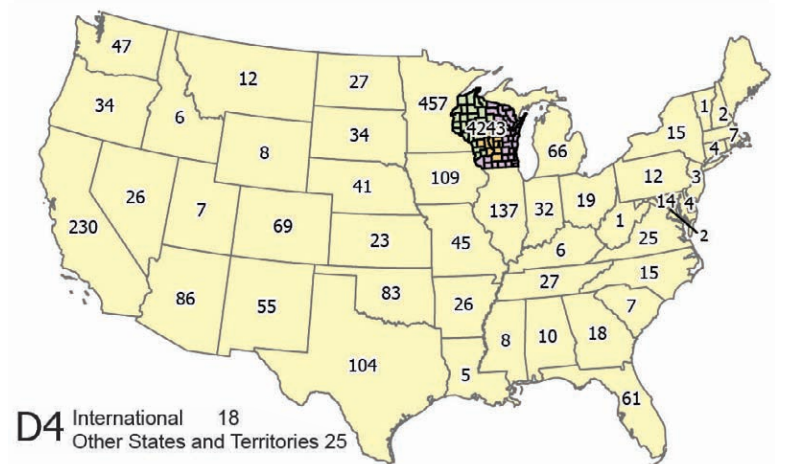
Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #14



District	Legislators	Population 18+	Deviation
D1	3	1464	0.41%
D2	4	1798	-7.41%
D3	2	981	1.03%
D4	4	2073	6.58%

Average Statistics

Ideal Members per Legislator: 486
 Deviation Range: 13.99%



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SCENARIO #14

Pursuant to Section 20.c(2)(d)6 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code, an implementation plan will be included with each proposed redistricting scenario. The language in the Election Code states that the plan will include, at a minimum:

a The District each holdover Legislator will serve for the remainder of his or her respective term.

b In the next General Election what District(s) will have an election(s) and if a District has an Election what seat(s) within that District would be up for election.

c If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will decrease, whether or not there will be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which Legislators would be subject to the Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators decreasing on the Legislature will be controlled by Section 20, subparagraph c.(5)(c).

d If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will increase, whether or not there will be a Special Election to increase the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which District(s) would have a Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators increasing on the Legislature will be controlled by Section 20, subparagraph c.(5)(d)."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the inclusion of Redistricting Scenario #14 as part of the final proposal to be submitted to the eligible voters of the Nation in a Special Election. Below is the implementation plan for Scenario #14, based on the requirements of the Code:

A. For the upcoming General Election of the Nation in June 2025, there are **five (5)** seats for Holdover Legislators. The Code defines a "Holdover Legislator" as "a Legislator who is not facing re-election in the upcoming or next General Election after the Election Board certifies the results of a Special Election for Redistricting." Also, "[a] holdover Legislator is a Legislator whose term will not expire prior to the next General Election and

will not be required in the next General Election to run for re-election if he or she will remain on the Legislature." The 5 seats of Holdover Legislators are designated as such under this Implementation Plan, since they were filled by newly elected officials, to a four-year term in the last General Election of June 2023, and will not face re-election in June 2025. They include Representatives: Rodney Rave (District 1, Seat 2), a currently vacant position for District 2, Seat 1 (which may be filled by the time of the Special Redistricting Election), Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle (District 3, Seat 1), Lambert Cleveland, Jr., having filled the seat initially won by Darren Brinegar in 2023 (District 3, Seat 3), and Paul Fox (District 4, Seat 2).

Under Scenario #14, pursuant to Section 10.c(2)(d)6 a of the Election Code, the Holdover Legislators will serve as follows:

District 1: Rep. Rave will continue to serve most of the existing District 1 as it stands now. However, until March 1, 2025, he will also serve multiple counties that will become part of the new District 3. These are counties that are currently in District 1 and part of the constituency that originally elected Rep. Rave. This includes the following counties: Vilas, Oneida, Langlade, Menominee, Marathon, Oconto, Forest, Florence, and Marinette counties. After March 1, 2025, Rep. Rave will no longer serve the counties identified above, and will begin serving La Crosse, Crawford, Richland, and Vernon counties, which will be moved into District 1 from District 2.

District 2: The Legislator occupying Seat 1 (initially held by Robert Funmaker, Jr.) will continue to serve most of the existing District 2 as it stands now. However, until March 1, 2025, they will also serve counties that are moved to the new District 3 (Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant) and new District 1 (Crawford, Richland, Vernon and La Crosse). These seven counties are currently in District 2 and are part of the constituency that originally elected the Legislator for Seat 1 in June of 2023. After March 1, 2025, this Holdover Legislator will no longer serve the counties identified above and will begin serving Dane, Columbia, Adams, Wood, Portage, Waushara, Marquette, and Green Lake counties, which will be moved into District 2 from District 3.

District 3: Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. will continue to serve several of the same counties within District 3 that they currently serve, until March 1, 2025. They would also serve multiple counties that will become part of the new District 2, up through March 1, 2025. This includes the following counties: Wood, Portage, Adams, Waushara, Marquette, Green Lake, Columbia, and Dane. After March 1, 2025, these Holdover Legislators will no longer serve the counties identified above and or begin serving District 2, since they reside in Wood county that moves from District 3 to District 2, and will begin serving District 2

District 4: Rep. Fox will continue to serve all areas outside the State of Wisconsin (as he does now). He will remain a District 4 Legislator under Scenario #14, as there is no change in designation.

B. The next General Election for the Ho-Chunk Nation is in June of 2025. Under Scenario #14, the following Districts would need elections:

District 1, Seats 1 and 3: Two Legislative seats, since the terms of Karena Thundercloud (now Jessika Greendeer) and Phyllis Smoke are expiring.

District 2, Seat 4: One Legislative seat will need to be filled. Since District 2 will gain a seat under Scenario #14 of the District Plan, there will be one seat to fill in an election.

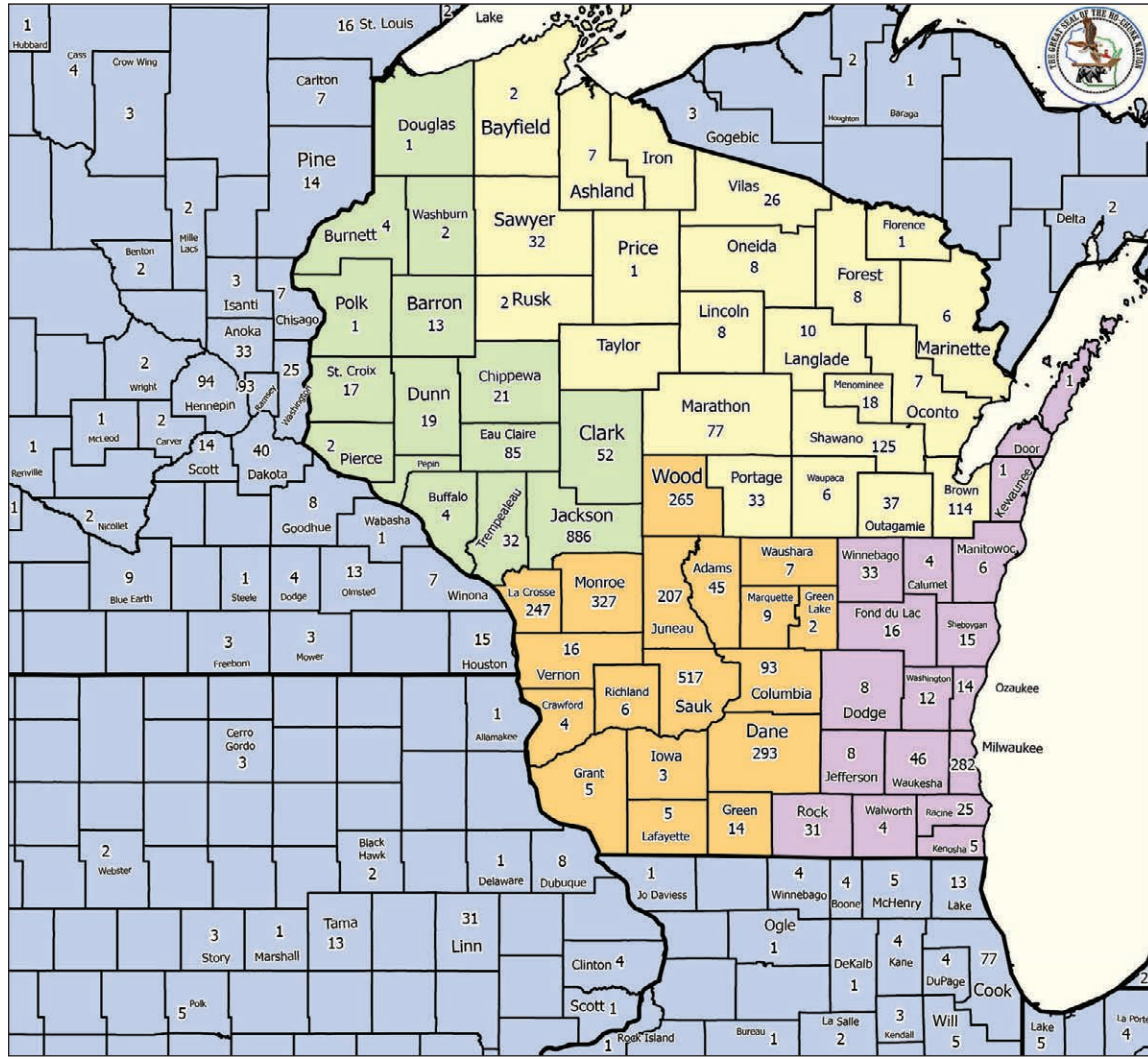
District 3, Seat 1 and 2: Two Legislative seats, since the term of Shelby Visintin is expiring and the change in representation of Holdover Legislators Lemieux-White Eagle and Cleveland, Jr. (to District 2) would leave a new, four-year term up for election in the new District 3.

District 4, Seats 1, 3 and 4: Rep. Paul Fox remains as a Holdover Legislator and he holds seat 2. Under Scenario #14, there are 3 additional seats in District 3. The terms of the 3 other existing Legislators in those seats are expiring, so they will need to be filled by election.

C. There will not be a decrease in the total number of Legislators under Scenario #14.

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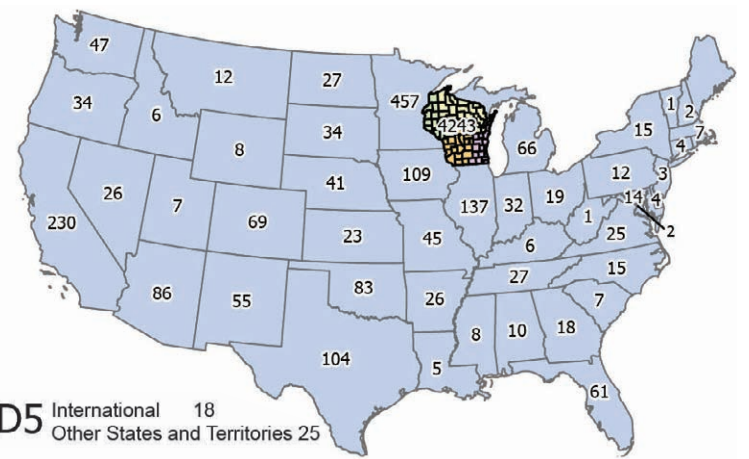
Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #17



District	Legislators	Population 18+	Deviation
D1	2	1139	8.37%
D2	4	2065	-1.9%
D3	1	511	-2.85%
D4	1	528	0.38%
D5	4	2073	-1.52%

Average Statistics

Ideal Members per Legislator: 526
 Deviation Range: 11.22%



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SCENARIO #17

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since they were filled by newly elected officials, to a four-year term in the last General Election of June 2023, and will not face re-election in June 2025. They include Representatives: Rodney Rave (District 1, Seat 2), a currently vacant position for District 2, Seat 1 (which may be filled by the time of the Special Redistricting Election), Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle (District 3, Seat 1), Lambert Cleveland, Jr., having filled the seat initially won by Darren Brinegar in 2023 (District 3, Seat 3), and Paul Fox (District 4, Seat 2).

Under Scenario #17, pursuant to Section 10.c(2)(d)6 a of the Election Code, the Holdover Legislators will serve as follows:

District 1: Rep. Rave will continue to serve most of the existing District 1 as it stands now. However, until March 1, 2025, he will also serve multiple counties that will become part of the new District 4. These are counties that are currently in District 1 and part of the constituency that originally elected Rep. Rave. This includes the following counties: Bayfield, Sawyer, Rusk, Ashland, Iron, Price, Taylor, Vilas, Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade, Menominee, Marathon, Oconto, Forest, Florence, and Marinette counties. After March 1, 2025, Rep. Rave will no longer serve the counties identified above that move to District 4.

District 2: The Legislator occupying Seat 1 (initially held by Robert Funmaker, Jr.) will continue to serve most of the existing District 2 as it stands now. There are no counties moved out of District 2 in Scenario #17, compared to the current Districts. However, after March 1, 2025 this Holdover Legislator will begin serving counties added to District 2 from District 3, including: Green, Dane, Columbia, Adams, Wood, Waushara, Marquette, and Green Lake counties.

District 3: Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. will continue to serve several of the same counties within District 3 that they currently serve, until March 1, 2025. They would also serve multiple counties that will become part of the new District 2, up through March 1, 2025. This includes the following counties: Wood, Adams, Waushara, Marquette, Green Lake, Columbia, Dane, and Green. They will also serve counties that are currently in District 3 that move to District 4, including Portage, Waupaca, Shawano, Outagamie and Brown counties. After March 1, 2025, these Holdover Legislators' will no longer serve the

counties identified above or the counties of District 3, since they reside in Wood county that moves from District 3 to District 2 and will begin serving District 2.

District 4: Rep. Fox will continue to serve all areas outside the State of Wisconsin (as he does now). He will remain a District 4 Legislator until March 1, 2025, and after that date will serve as a District 5 Legislator under Scenario #14, as there is no change in county or state representation.

B. The next General Election for the Ho-Chunk Nation is in June of 2025. Under Scenario #17, the following Districts would need elections:

District 1, Seat 1: One Legislative seat, since there would be two (2) seats in the new District 1.

District 2, Seat 4: One Legislative seat will need to be filled. Since District 2 will gain a seat under Scenario #17 of the District Plan, there will be one seat to fill in an election.

District 3, Seat 1: One Legislative seat will need to be filled. Under Scenario #17, there is one (1) seat in District 3. The term of Shelby Visintin is expiring and the change in representation of Holdover Legislators Lemieux-White Eagle and Cleveland, Jr. (to District 2) would leave a new, four-year term up for election in the new District 3.

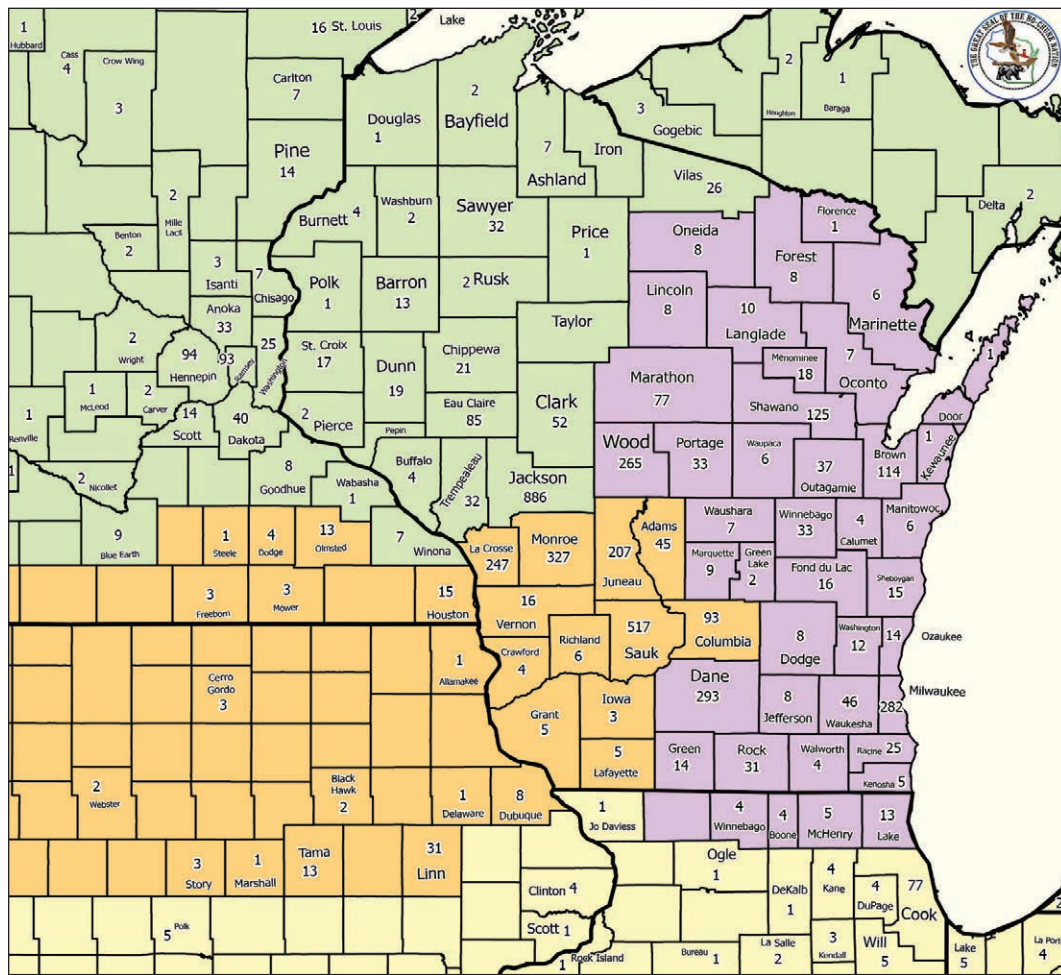
District 4, Seat 1: One Legislative seat will need to be filled. Under Scenario #17, there is one (1) seat in District 4. The counties in this District would have previously been represented by District 1 and District 3 Legislators.

District 5, Seats 1, 3 and 4: Rep. Paul Fox remains as a Holdover Legislator, originally elected from District 4, and he holds seat 2. Under Scenario #17, there are four (4) seats in District 4 (which is the At-Large Area outside the State of Wisconsin). As of March 1, 2025, Rep. Fox will represent District 5 pursuant to the updated District Plan. The other three (3) seats for District 5 will need to be filled.

C. Under Scenario #17, there will be a decrease in the total number of Legislators, from thirteen (13) to twelve (12). However, there will not need to be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving. That is due to the fact that there will be no decrease in any particular District affecting Holdover Legislators.

D. There will not be an increase in the total number of Legislators under Scenario #17.

Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #24

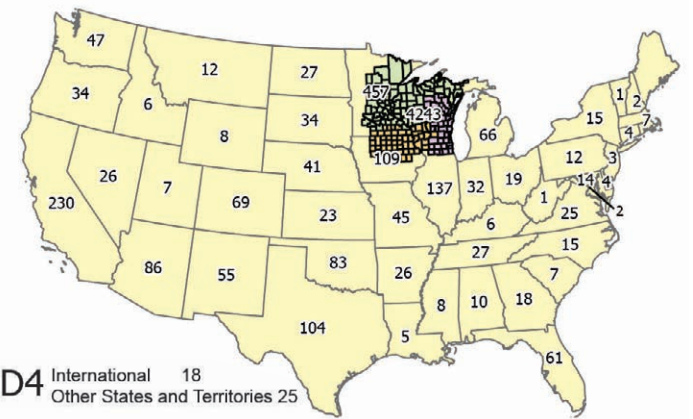


District Legislators Population 18+ Deviation

District	Legislators	Population 18+	Deviation
D1	3	1585	0.38%
D2	3	1579	0%
D3	3	1586	0.57%
D4	3	1579	0%

Average Statistics

Ideal Members per Legislator: 526
 Deviation Range: 0.57%



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SCENARIO #24

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a The District each holdover Legislator will serve for the remainder of his or her respective term.

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d If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will increase, whether or not there will be a Special Election to increase the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which District(s) would have a Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators increasing on the Legislature will be controlled by Section 20, subparagraph c.(5)(d)."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the inclusion of Redistricting Scenario #24 as part of the final proposal to be submitted to the eligible voters of the Nation in a Special Election. Below is the implementation plan for Scenario #24, based on the requirements of the Code:

A. For the upcoming General Election of the Nation in June 2025, there are **five (5)** seats for Holdover Legislators. The Code defines a "Holdover Legislator" as "a Legislator who is not facing re-election in the upcoming or next General Election after the Election Board certifies the results of a Special Election for Redistricting." Also, "[a] holdover Legislator is a Legislator whose term will not expire prior to the next General Election and will not be required in the next General Election to run for re-election if he or she will remain on the Legislature." The 5 seats of Holdover Legislators are designated as such under this Implementation Plan, since they were filled by newly elected officials, to a four-year term in the last General Election of June 2023, and will not face re-election in June 2025). They include Representatives: Rodney Rave (District 1, Seat 2), a currently vacant position for District 2, Seat 1 (which

may be filled by the time of the Special Redistricting Election, Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle (District 3, Seat 1), Lambert Cleveland, Jr., having filled the seat initially won by Darren Brinegar in 2023 (District 3, Seat 3), and Paul Fox (District 4, Seat 2).

Under Scenario #24, pursuant to Section 10.c(2)(d)6 a of the Election Code, the Holdover Legislators will serve as follows:

District 1: Rep. Rave will continue to serve most of the existing District 1 as it stands now. However, until March 1, 2025, he will also serve multiple counties that will become part of the new District 3. These are counties that are currently in District 1 and part of the constituency that originally elected Rep. Rave. This includes the following counties: Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade, Menominee, Oconto, Forest, Florence, and Marinette counties. After March 1, 2025, this Holdover Legislator will no longer represent the counties identified above and will begin to represent the counties and territory included for District 1 within the District Plan for Scenario #17, which will include counties in Northwestern Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the Eastern part of Minnesota.

Rep. Paul Fox is a Holdover Legislator, originally elected to represent District 4 in an election in June 2023. After March 1, 2025, he will be deemed a Holdover Legislator of the new District 1 in Scenario #24. This is because District 1 expands into the territory including parts of Minnesota where Rep. Fox resides.

District 2: The Legislator occupying Seat 1 (initially held by Robert Funmaker, Jr.) will continue to serve most of the existing District 2 as it stands now. There are no counties moved out of District 2 in Scenario #24, compared to the current Districts. However, after March 1, 2025, this Holdover Legislator will now serve the prior District 2 counties in Wisconsin and the new counties of Columbia and Adams and counties in Northeast Iowa.

District 3: Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. will continue to serve several of the same counties within District 3 that they currently serve, until March 1, 2025. They would also serve counties that will become part of the new District 2, up through March 1, 2025. This includes the following counties: Adams and Columbia. Also until March 1, 2025, these Holdover Legislators will serve Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Shawano, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Calumet, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Green Lake, Marquette, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Rock, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha counties. After March 1, 2025, these

Holdover Legislators' representation will change to be consistent with the new boundaries approved in the Special Election on Redistricting, which add the counties of Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade, Menominee, Oconto, Forest, Florence, and Marinette and counties in Northern Illinois and will no longer represent Columbia county.

District 4: Rep. Fox will continue to serve all areas outside the State of Wisconsin, as a District 4 representative through March 1, 2025. After this time, his representation will match the boundaries reflected in the District Plan for a District 1 Legislator under Scenario #24 as he will now reside in District 1.

B. The next General Election for the Ho-Chunk Nation is in June of 2025. Under Scenario #24, the following Districts would need elections:

District 1, Seat 1: One Legislative seat would need to be filled. Rep. Rodney Rave would remain as a Holdover Legislator. And after March 1, 2025, Rep. Paul Fox would be included as a Holdover Legislator for District 1, under this District Plan. Thus, there would be a need to fill one (1) seat.

District 2, Seat 2 and 3: Two (2) Legislative seats will need to be filled. This is because District 2 under the new District Plan includes three (3) seats. The existing Holdover Legislator (the seat previously held by Robert Funmaker, Jr.) remains. The other current District 2 representatives' terms will expire. Thus, there would be a need to fill two (2) seats.

District 3, Seat 2: One (1) Legislative seat will need to be filled. Under Scenario #24, there are (3) seats in District 3. The existing Holdover Legislators Lemieux-White Eagle and Cleveland, Jr. will remain. The term of Shelby Visintin is expiring. This will result in one (1) open seat, up for election in the new District 3.

District 4, Seat 1, 2 and 3: Under Scenario #24, there are three (3) seats in District 4. Rep. Paul Fox is a Holdover Legislator, originally elected from District 4, but will now serve as a District 1 representative. The current District 4 representatives' terms all expire. For the General Election, there will need to be three (3) seats filled for District 4 under the Scenario #24 District Plan.

C. Under Scenario #24, there will be a decrease in the total number of Legislators, from thirteen (13) to twelve (12). However, there will not need to be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving. That is due to the fact that there will be no decrease in any particular District affecting Holdover Legislators.

D. There will not be an increase in the total number of Legislators under Scenario #24.



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
SELECTION OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL
AND SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTION BOARD
TO CONDUCT SPECIAL ELECTION ON REDISTRICTING

RESOLUTION 07-31-24 A

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts."; and
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation" and that "[a]ny redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters."; and
WHEREAS, the last redistricting occurred on October 12, 2018, by completion of a Special Election on Redistricting, and selection by the voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation of a Redistricting Scenario; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution, the next General Election of the Nation would be scheduled for June of 2025;
WHEREAS, in recognition that Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution requires the completion of redistricting at least once every ten years, the Legislature has started the process of redistricting, with the goal of selecting a final proposal, conducting a Special Election, and completing the process at least six (6) months prior to the Nation's General Election in June of 2025; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Resolution 11-07-17A, establishing a Legislative Workgroup on Redistricting, as is authorized under the Legislative Organization Act (for Workgroups); and
WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023 the Legislature passed a motion to consider redistricting issues and the start of redistricting to the Legislative Redistricting Workgroup, and the Workgroup was requested to meet about the issues; and
WHEREAS, the Legislative Workgroup on Redistricting met several times from September 2023 to July 2024, to discuss the steps the Legislature would take to inform and involve tribal membership, assist tribal members in developing redistricting scenarios, and the process the Legislature would use to eventually select a final proposal on redistricting to submit to the Nation's Election Board; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature also placed information about Redistricting in the official newspaper of the Nation, the Hocak Worak, on November 10, 2023, while also creating a dedicated page on the Nation's website for tribal members to view information on Redistricting; and
WHEREAS, general guidelines and a formula for Redistricting have been shared by Legislators at the District-Area meetings, and notification provided that the Legislature is starting the process; and
WHEREAS, Legislators of the Nation have also informed tribal members attending District-Area meetings that they may submit proposed Redistricting scenarios with new District boundaries to the Legislative Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Resolution 2-20-24M, Resolution 4-03-24E, and then Resolution 5-21-24R, setting forth timelines and procedures for the Legislature, Nation, and tribal members to follow, leading up to a Special Redistricting Election in October 2024; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature found it appropriate and necessary to establish a general timeline and procedures to continue the Redistricting process, in order to keep tribal membership informed and allow for the greatest amount of participation by Ho-Chunk Tribal Members in this important process; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted multiple timeline and procedure Resolutions, as updates and revisions to the timeline and procedures for Legislative Redistricting, which resulted in more time for tribal members to submit proposals to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature determined to utilize Ho-Chunk eligible voter population numbers, in conjunction with the Nation's GIS staff, from March 2024, based on verified numbers from the tribal Enrollment Office (which keeps such census-type information); and
WHEREAS, the Legislature encouraged Ho-Chunk Members to comment on the proposed Redistricting Scenarios and create their own Redistricting Scenario(s); and
WHEREAS, the Legislature held a Redistricting Forum on May 20, 2024 to allow tribal members who submitted redistricting proposals to discuss and support their scenarios to Legislators and the public; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature received twenty-four (24) proposed redistricting scenarios from tribal membership; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature worked with the Nation's GIS staff to review submitted redistricting scenarios, then also analyze the number of representatives proposed, the suggested boundaries, the percentage deviation between districts in terms of representation, the extent to which proposals might separate distinct Ho-Chunk communities of interest, and whether proposed districts were contiguous; and
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall exercise this power [the power to Redistrict] only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council."; and
WHEREAS, in Chloris Lowe Jr. and Mr. Stewart J Miller v. Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Members Elliott Garvin, Gerald Cleveland, Myrna Thompson, Isaac Greyhair, Dallas White Wing, Kevin Greengrass, and Clarence Pettibone, in their official capacity and individually; and Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, Case No. CV 00-104 (Nov. 3, 2000), the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court held that "[t]he Court holds that designating three (3) scenarios as a final proposal without reserving any subsequent right to amend represents a permissible construction of the constitutional requirement. A final proposal may reasonably include component parts, and the presence of more than one choice on the ballot may prove in the best interests of the membership."; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20.c(2)(c)1 of the Election Code, the "Legislature does not have to use the best Redistricting Scenario to promote the objective of one-person/one-vote representation, but any Redistricting Scenario that furthers that objective"; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature conducted a Special Legislative Meeting on July 31, 2024 to review all submitted proposals and determine which Redistricting Scenarios to present as the Legislature's final proposal; and
WHEREAS, at the Special Meeting, three (3) Redistricting Scenarios were selected as the Legislature's final proposal to forward to the Nation's Election Board to include on the ballot for voters to consider at a Special Election pursuant to the Constitution; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature, having conducted a Special Meeting on July 31, 2024 to consider Redistricting Scenarios, finds it appropriate to select a final proposal pursuant to the Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional Authority, and in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution, submits a final redistricting proposal containing three (3) component parts, including Redistricting Scenarios: #14, #17, and #24 to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board for the Election Board to conduct a Special Redistricting Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Election shall be completed prior to October 26, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Election Board deems that the October 26, 2024 date for a Special Election is unattainable, they shall notify the Legislature as soon as possible to coordinate a workable date;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an implementation plan for each scenario included in the final proposal shall be prepared by Legislative Counsel, then submitted to the Election Board pursuant to Section 20.c(2)(d)6 of the Election Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative history of Redistricting in 2024, leading to the Spring of 2025, shall be memorialized and documented.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members of whom 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the 31st day of July, 2024, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary

07. 31. 24
Date



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

MEMORANDUM

To: Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
From: Danielle DeLong, Vice President
Cc: Legislature; Jon Greendeer, President; William Gardner, Attorney General
Date: August 14, 2024
Re: Notification of Legislative selection of Final Redistricting Proposal and need for Special Election on Redistricting

I am writing to inform the Election Board that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has approved a Final Proposal for Redistricting, at its meeting on July 31, 2024. The Legislature adopted Resolution 7-31-24A, where it selected three (3) proposed redistricting scenario maps as part of the final proposal to be put to the voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation in a Special Election. This action was taken after a lengthy, and detailed, review and effort by the Legislature to allow tribal members to propose new maps, and Legislative review of redistricting proposals. See attached copy of Resolution 7-31-24A and Redistricting Scenario #s 14, 17, and 24.

The process for redistricting tracks the requirements of Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution as well as the Election Code. Under each law, the Legislature is to select a final proposal and submit to a vote of the Ho-Chunk Nation eligible voters in a Special Election. The process is to be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice to be provided to the voters. Since the Nation's next General Election is in June of 2025, the goal is to conduct a Special Election soon enough to satisfy the 6-month requirement. Thus, you will see that the Legislature is asking the Election Board to hold a Special Election for Redistricting prior to October 26, 2024.

Please confirm receipt of this notification and let me know the steps the Election Board is taking to schedule the Special Redistricting Election. The Office of Legislative Counsel will soon be providing you with an Implementation Plan for each of the three proposed scenarios, as required by the Election Code.

Thank you.

Danielle DeLong
Vice President, Ho-Chunk Nation

VOTE Special Election Redistricting and Reapportionment 2024 POLLING TIMES: OPEN AT 8:00 AM CLOSE AT 7:00 PM OCTOBER 18 ELECTION

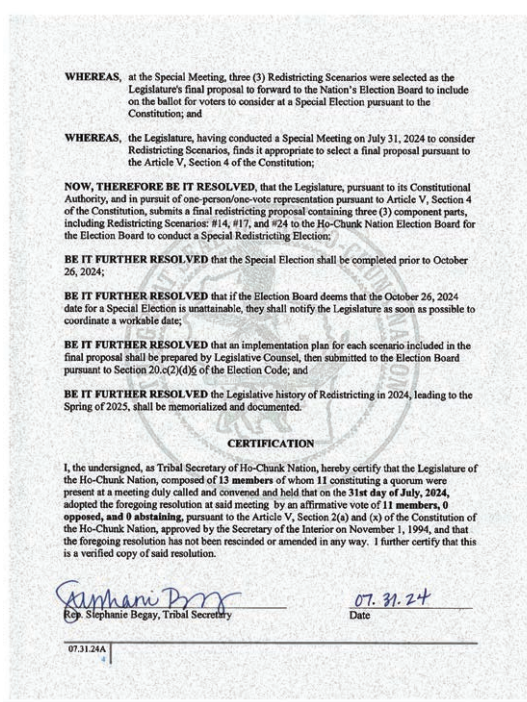
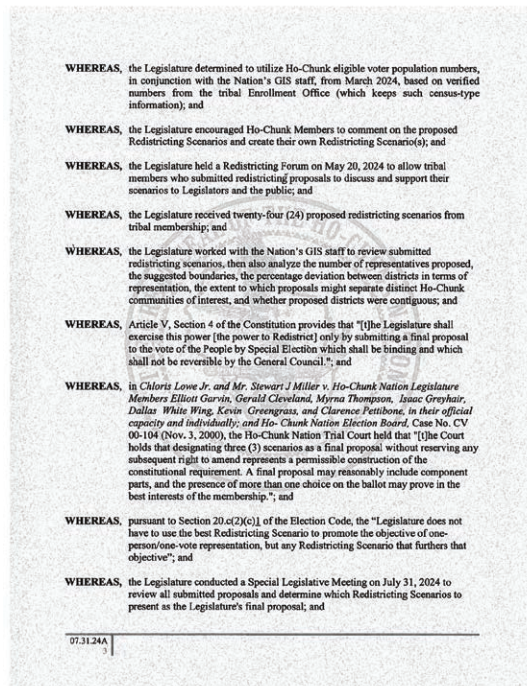
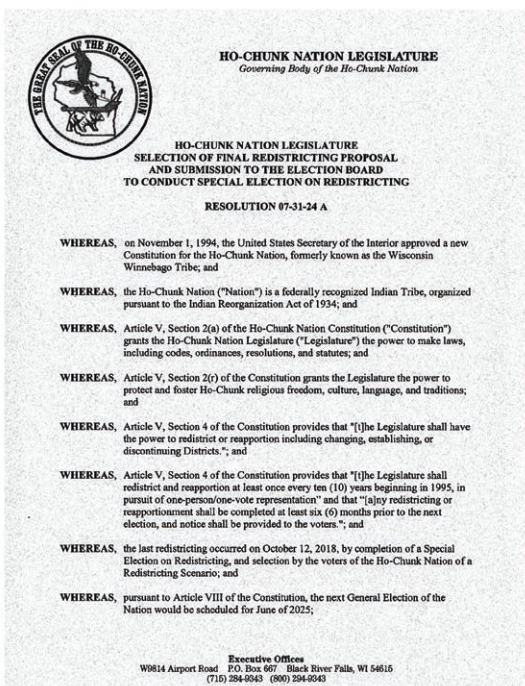


NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ARTICLE V – Section 4. Redistricting or Reapportionment.

The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters. [Amendment IV adopted on May 6, 2009 which became effective June 20, 2009 by operation of law. This section was changed to require redistricting and reapportionment once every ten (10) years.] The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code 2HCC§ 6



b. Constitutional Requirements. Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides:

“Section 4. Redistricting or Reapportionment. The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters.”

c. Redistricting procedures.

- (1) Census requirements: (a) The Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment will keep an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote. If the Legislature determines to have the Election Board conduct a Special Election for redistricting, the Legislature or its designee will obtain from the Office of Tribal Enrollment an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote. (b) For purposes of determining the numbers for redistricting, the census shall only include Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote. (c) The Legislature shall pass a Resolution determining the date that the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment shall use for determining the census for purposes of the Special Election for Redistricting. (2) Final Proposal: (a) The Legislature shall submit a final proposal to the Election Board who will conduct the Special Election for Redistricting. (b) The final proposal submitted by the Legislature may include multiple Redistricting Scenarios. (c) Requirements for the Redistricting Scenario(s):

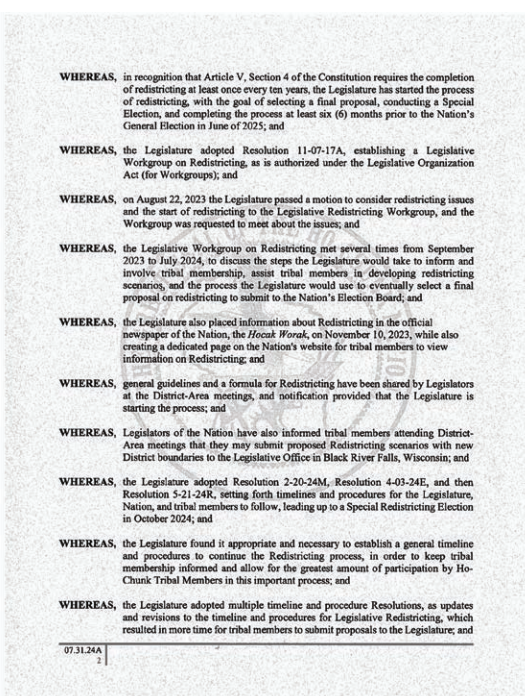
20. Special Election for Redistricting/Reapportionment.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this Section only the following terms shall have the following meaning:

- (1) “District Plan” means the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes in a Redistricting Special Election, but only after all legal challenges have been exhausted. (2) “Holdover Legislator” means a Legislator who is not facing re-election in the upcoming or next General Election after the Election Board certifies the results of a Special Election for Redistricting. The Constitution mandates that any Redistricting or reapportionment will be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election. A holdover Legislator is a Legislator whose term will not expire prior to the next General Election and will not be required in the next General Election to run for re-election if he or she will remain on the Legislature. (3) “Redistricting” means the process of bringing about a realignment or change in legislative Districts brought about by changes in population and mandated by the constitutional requirement of equality of representation. (4) “Redistricting Scenario” means a proposal or plan that outlines proposed legislative Districts for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Legislature may submit multiple Redistricting Scenarios as part of its final proposal and the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes, after all legal challenges have been exhausted, will become the District Plan of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

- 1 The Legislature does not have to use the best Redistricting Scenario to promote the objective of one-person/one-vote representation, but any Redistricting Scenario that furthers that objective. 2 The Legislature cannot submit a Redistricting Scenario that calls for no action or no change in the geographic regions covered by the Legislative Districts. 3 A Redistricting Scenario may change, establish, or discontinue electoral Districts. 4 A Redistricting Scenario must propose at least two (2) electoral Districts. (d) Each Redistricting Scenario submitted will include at a minimum and will be available at the Polling Place: 1 A map of the Redistricting Scenario; 2 How many Legislator(s) would be in each proposed District; 3 How many Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote there would be for each proposed District; 4 How many Tribal Members eligible to vote there would be per Legislator for each proposed District; 5 The percentage deviation either positive or negative each proposed District has from the ideal with respect to the Constitutional goal of the one-person/one-vote representation; and 6 An implementation plan. The implementation plan will include at a minimum: a The District each holdover Legislator will serve for the remainder of his or her respective term. b In the next General Election what District(s) will have an election(s) and if a District has an

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Election what seat(s) within that District would be up for election.

c If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will decrease, whether or not there will be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which Legislators would be subject to the Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators decreasing on the Legislature will be controlled by Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (c).

d If as a result of the Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will increase, whether or not there will be a Special Election to increase the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which District(s) would have a Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators increasing on the Legislature will be controlled by Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (d).

(3) Notice Requirements. Notice of the Special Election for Redistricting will be accomplished in the following manner:

- (a) All normal procedures used by the Election Board to provide notice of any Special Election;
- (b) Production and distribution of a Special Edition of the Nation's newsletter (currently the *Hocak Worak*) providing at a minimum a map of the Redistricting Scenario(s) and the implementation plan for each of the Redistricting Scenario(s). The distribution of a Special Edition may be waived by the Legislature, but only if it passes a Resolution to waive production and distribution of the Special Edition; and
- (c) Any other method determined appropriate by the Legislature.

(4) Special Election Requirements:

- (a) The Election Board must hold the Redistricting Special Election prior to the General Election in order that it may certify the results at least six (6) months before the next General Election.
- (b) All other Special Election Requirements shall be followed to conduct the Special Election on Redistricting.

ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RETURNED BY OVERNIGHT MAIL, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAY.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

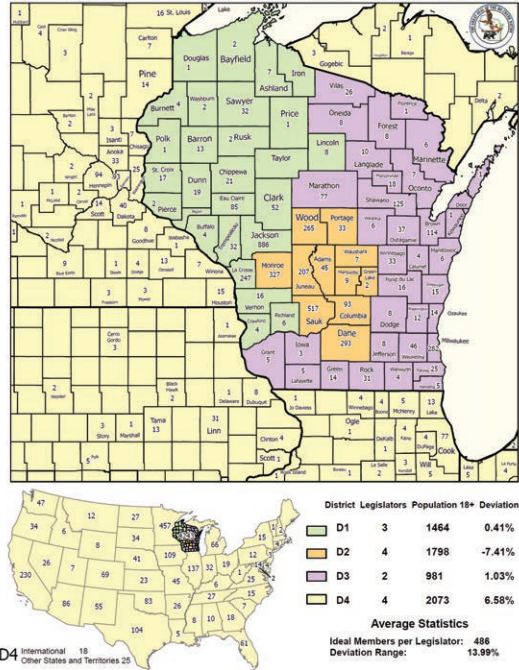
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who meets all of the requirements established by the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be eligible to vote. See *Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 5.*

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

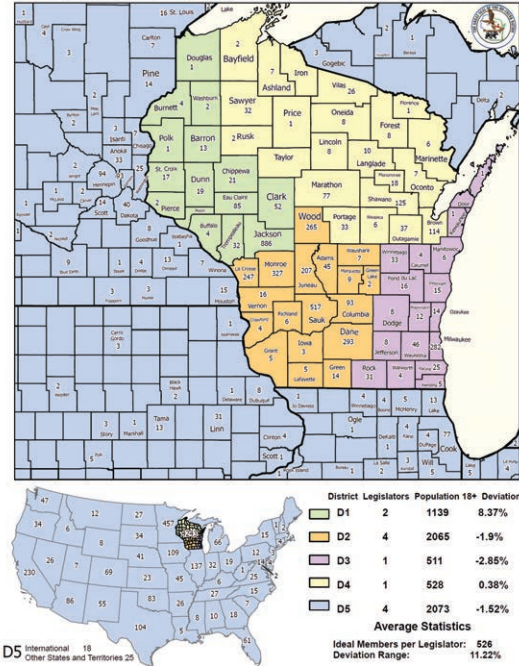
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11. c. ii.

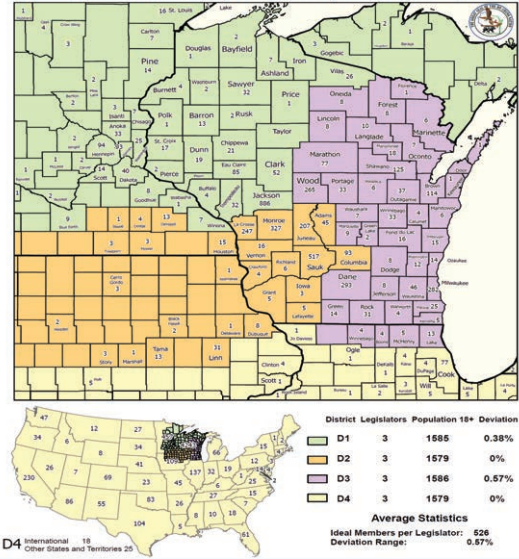
Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #14



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #17



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #24



Posted 9/23/24

**POLLING PLACES:
OPEN AT 8:00 AM CLOSE AT 7:00 PM**

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
INDIAN MISSION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715)299-6104

TOMAH, WI
BLUEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(608)377-3787

LA CROSSE, WI
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

BARABOO, WI
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 Whiteeagle Road
(608)355-5155

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY
BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-8411

WITTENBERG, WI
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER
W17634 Radke Road
(715)253-4407

MADISON, WI
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
(608)277-9964

MILWAUKEE, WI
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. Howell Avenue
(414)747-8680

MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN
MPLS./ST. PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1724 Selby Avenue
(651)641-1801

CHICAGO, IL
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
(715)284-7894

GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
2413 Hazelwood Ln
(920) 490-2774

**SPECIAL ELECTION
REDISTRICTING &
REAPPORTIONMENT
Friday, October 18, 2024**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, September 23, 2024**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 4:30 P.M.
Monday, September 30, 2024**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENT
BALLOT BY 4:30 PM
Sunday, October 13, 2024**