



# 2021 Winnebago County Redistricting

The redistricting process begins when the County receives the Federal Decennial Census numbers from the State. Once the data is received, a rigid three-stage process starts. Starting with the county developing a supervisory district plan. After which the municipalities develop ward and aldermanic district plans. Lastly, the county adopts the final supervisory district plan.

This year due to the pandemic, the timeline to begin the redistricting process at the county level has been reduced from the normal 180 days to about 80 days. This is due to the delay in receiving Census data from the Federal Government. We anticipate the Census data will be released to counties on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest. In addition, on July 9, 2021 the Governor vetoed Assembly Bill 369, which would have allowed local redistricting to be completed in the normal length of time.

Winnebago County has developed a proposed compressed redistricting timeline to be ready for the 2022 spring election. To meet the proposed timeline special meetings may be necessary for municipalities and the county. With the Cities of Appleton and Menasha being in multiple counties Winnebago, Calumet, and Outagamie Counties are coordinating our timelines to ensure municipalities can complete their work.

## How Can Local Municipal Clerks and Officials Prepare

- Confirm your credentials are up to date in WISE-LR the state local redistricting software.
- Review your meeting schedule and create a timeline for stage 2 of the redistricting process.
- Review the training materials provided by the LTSB.  
<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/ltsb/local-redistricting>

## Stages of Local Redistricting in Wisconsin

### Stage 1 – Compressed Timeline for 2021

- The County Board **must develop a tentative county supervisory district plan.**
- The County Board **must hold a public hearing on the tentative county plan** and solicit suggestions from the municipalities concerning the development of an appropriate plan.
- The County Board must adopt the tentative county supervisory district plan and send a copy of this plan to every municipality in the county.

### Stage 2 – Compressed Timeline for 2021 *After tentative plan adoption*

- All cities, villages and towns with a population of 1,000 or more must establish wards that comply with the population ranges as set by law.
- Any ward created or adjusted must accommodate the tentative county plan.
- Adjustments to wards are required if any municipal annexations, attachments, or detachments occur after the tentative plan is adopted, up to a given date to be set by the State.
- An ordinance or resolution describing the ward boundaries must be adopted by the municipality.
- Within five (5) days after adoption, each municipality must submit to the county clerk the census blocks contained within each ward as well as a map of the municipality showing the revised ward boundaries.

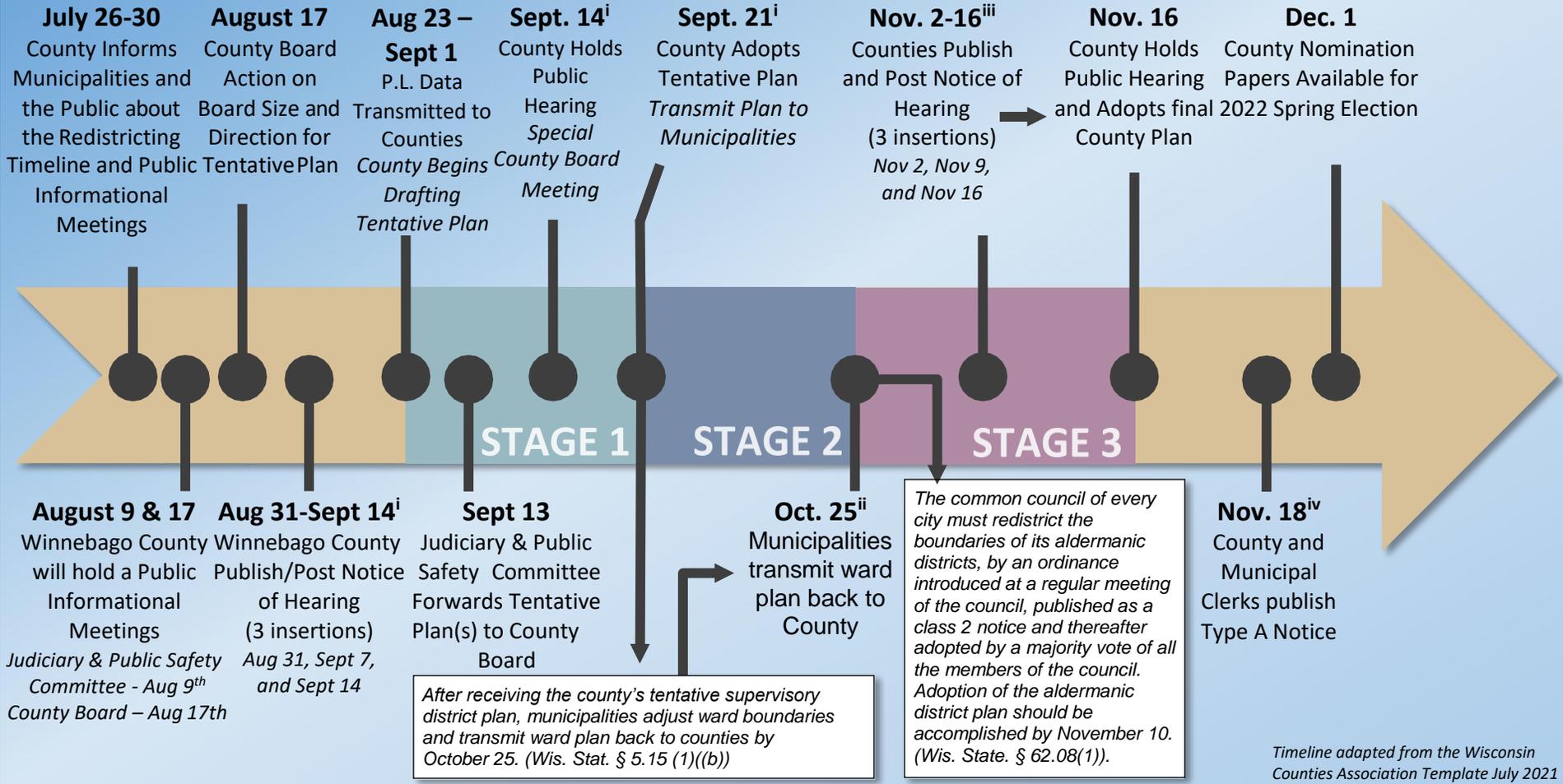
### Stage 3 – Compressed Timeline for 2021

- The County Board **shall hold a second public hearing and then adopt the final county supervisory district plan.**
- The county board chairperson is to file a copy of the final plan with the Secretary of State.



# 2021 Winnebago County & Municipal Redistricting Timeline

**TENTATIVE**



i Wis. Stat. § 59.10(3)(b)1. (NOTE: Publication/posting requirements are being discussed with LRB. Review publication/posting requirements and alternatives under ss. 985.02 and 985.05 with corporation counsel.)

ii Wis. Stat. § 5.15(1)(b).

iii Wis. Stat. § 59.10(3)(b)2. (NOTE: Publication/posting requirements are being discussed with LRB. Review publication/posting requirements and alternatives under ss. 985.02 and 985.05 with corporation counsel.)

iv Wis. Stat. § 10.06(2)(a). Some counties may publish earlier depending upon publication frequency. (NOTE: Elections commission must deliver Type A Notice regarding state offices to county clerk pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 10.06(1)(a))

## 2021 Winnebago County Redistricting Key Dates

| Date       | Milestone                     | Event  |
|------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 7/30/2021  |                               | County Informs Municipalities about Redistricting  |
| 8/9/2021   |                               | Public Informational Meeting at the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Meeting                            |
| 8/17/2021  |                               | Public Informational Meeting at the County Board Meeting   |
| 8/17/2021  |                               | County Board Action on Board Size and Direction for Tentative Plan   |
| 8/31/2021  |                               | Winnebago County Publish/Post Notice of Hearing for Tentative Plan   |
| 9/1/2021   | Start Tentative Plan          | P.L. Data Transmitted to Counties - County Begins Drafting Tentative Plan - Could be as early as August 23 |
| 9/7/2021   |                               | Winnebago County Publish/Post Notice of Hearing for Tentative Plan   |
| 9/13/2021  |                               | Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Forwards Tentative Plan(s) to County Board                             |
| 9/14/2021  |                               | Winnebago County Publish/Post Notice of Hearing for Tentative Plan   |
| 9/14/2021  |                               | County Holds Public Hearing - Special County Board Meeting   |
| 9/21/2021  | Tentative County Plan Adopted | County Adopts Tentative Plan - Transmit Plan to Municipalities   |
| 10/25/2021 | Municipal Wards Adopted       | Municipalities Transmit Ward Plan Back to County   |
| 11/2/2021  |                               | Counties Publish and Post Notice of Hearing for Final Plan Adoption  |
| 11/9/2021  |                               | Counties Publish and Post Notice of Hearing for Final Plan Adoption  |
| 11/16/2021 |                               | Counties Publish and Post Notice of Hearing for Final Plan Adoption  |
| 11/16/2021 | Final County Plan Adopted     | County Holds Public Hearing and Adopts final County Plan   |
| 11/18/2021 |                               | County and Municipal Clerks publish Type A Notice  |
| 12/1/2021  |                               | County Nomination Papers Available for 2022 Spring Election  |