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Citizen Resolution #

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(For Hearing Officer completion)



Unfair representation in number of delegates.
900,000 citizens in Milwaukee Co. have five
delegates while 39 rural counties with the same
population (combined) have five each – making
their delegation control the state policy.

The Problem: The Wisconsin Conservation Congress allots five delegates to each
county regardless of the population. This is unfair and undemocratic. Milwaukee
county with over 900,000 residents gets five delegates. The 39 counties with
lowest population in the state are rural and more likely to support killing wildlife.
These 39 counties have a total population of less than 900,000 population
combined. Yet each of those counties is allotted 5 delegates so they have 195
delegates for their less than 900,000 citizens, compared to 5 for Milwaukee
county's citizens.

There are 72 counties in the state , so these 39 counties with very low citizen
attendance control more than half of the delegates in the state (usually less than a
couple of thousand people attend there, primarily from killing interests). They
decide what policies are promoted in this SOLE ADVISORY. This system that has
been in place fo 80 years and gets more unfair by the year. Since this advisory
delegation creates and promotes important legislation affecting all citizens
equally, governing our common wealth, it is important to reform it to be
democratic and fair in representation.

Be it Resolved that the Conservation Congress, April 14, 2014 work with the DNR
and legislature to create a system potentially fair and democratic to all citizens,
consulting with a non- partisan board like the government accountability office to
apportion the state by population, with fair delegate representation, so that all
citizens have fair representation in this election and vote.

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