



MEMORANDUM

TO: Minority Leader Janet Bewley
FROM: Legislative Reference Bureau
DATE: October 22, 2021
SUBJECT: 2011 Act 43 and 2021 Assembly Bill 624/Senate Bill 621 State Legislative Data

You requested information related to 2011 Wisconsin Act 43 and companion proposals 2021 Assembly Bill 624/Senate Bill 621 on state legislative redistricting. Specifically, you asked for comparative data on core retention, disenfranchised population, and incumbent pairings.

The data provided in this memo is derived from the Legislative Technology Services Bureau's WISE-District Application unless otherwise stated.

Core retention

In 2011 Act 43, the average core retention rate for assembly districts was 58.82 percent and the average core retention rate for senate districts was 78.81 percent. For the 2021 bills, the average core retention is 84.16 percent for assembly districts and 92.21 percent for senate districts.¹

Disenfranchisement

2011 Act 43 moved 300,102 voters from even-numbered senate districts to odd-numbered senate districts. These voters, had they not been moved, would have voted in the state senate election at the 2012 general election, but did not have the opportunity to vote in a state senate election until the 2014 general election. This movement from one district to another involved 17 senate districts.

¹ Experts use different measures of core constituency retention. This memo uses "simple core constituency retention," which measures how much of the population of district #X in the outgoing map is in district #X in the new map.

The 2021 bills, would move 138,753 voters from odd-numbered senate districts to even-numbered senate districts. These voters would have voted in a state senate election at the 2022 general election, but will now not have the opportunity to vote in a state senate election until the 2024 general election. This movement from one district to another involved 14 senate districts.

Incumbent pairings

In 2011 Act 43, there were 11 incumbent pairings in the assembly.²

2011 Wis. Act 43	Elected District	Name	Party
Assembly District 7	Assembly District 7	Rep. Margaret Krusick	Democrat
	Assembly District 9	Rep. Josh Zepnick	Democrat
Assembly District 14	Assembly District 13	Rep. David Cullen	Democrat
	Assembly District 14	Rep. Dale Kooyenga	Republican
Assembly District 22	Assembly District 12	Rep. Fred Kessler	Democrat
	Assembly District 99	Rep. Don Pridemore	Republican
Assembly District 23	Assembly District 22	Rep. Sandy Pasch	Democrat
	Assembly District 23	Rep. Jim Ott	Republican
Assembly District 31	Assembly District 32	Rep. Tyler August	Republican
	Assembly District 45	Rep. Amy Loudenberg	Republican
Assembly District 33	Assembly District 31	Rep. Steve Nass	Republican
	Assembly District 37	Rep. Andy Jorgensen	Democrat
Assembly District 48	Assembly District 48	Rep. Joe Parisi	Democrat
	Assembly District 81	Rep. Kelda Helen Roys	Democrat
Assembly District 61	Assembly District 65	Rep. John Steinbrink	Democrat
	Assembly District 66	Rep. Samantha Kerkman	Republican
Assembly District 88	Assembly District 2	Rep. Andre Jacque	Republican
	Assembly District 88	Rep. John Klenke	Republican
Assembly District 89	Assembly District 89	Rep. John Nygren	Republican
	Assembly District 90	Rep. Karl Van Roy	Republican
Assembly District 92	Assembly District 91	Rep. Chris Danou	Democrat
	Assembly District 92	Rep. Mark Radcliffe	Democrat

There was one incumbent pairing in the senate.

2011 Wis. Act 43	Elected District	Name	Party
Senate District 21	Senate District 21	Rep. Van Wanggaard	Republican
	Senate District 22	Rep. Robert Wirth	Democrat

² Please note that the memo counts 2011 incumbency pairings as of the date of passage of Act 43.

Under the 2021 bills, there are three incumbent pairings in the assembly and none in the senate.

Assembly Bill 624/Senate Bill 621	Current Elected District	Name	Party
Assembly District 15	Assembly District 15	Rep. Joe Sanfelippo	Republican
	Assembly District 84	Rep. Mike Kuglitsch	Republican
Assembly District 82	Assembly District 82	Rep. Ken Skowronski	Republican
	Assembly District 83	Rep. Chuck Wichgers	Republican
Assembly District 93	Assembly District 30	Rep. Shannon Zimmerman	Republican
	Assembly District 93	Rep. Warrern Petryk	Republican

We hope you find this information useful. Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional assistance.