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**REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO:** Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

**RELATING TO:** Allocation of Commission Appointments and the Federal 2020 Census

**SUMMARY:**

Section 200.25(7) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that the reallocation of Commission appointments between the Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC) and the Mayor of the City of Milwaukee (First Class City) “reflect as nearly as possible proportionate” representation. The reallocation is to take place in the year following the availability in printed form of the federal decennial census of population.

Review of the 2020 census data (available August 12, 2021) indicates that maintaining an 11-member Commission with seven appointments by the First Class City and four appointments by the ICC achieves proportionate representation. The 2020 census indicates that the current allocation represents very nearly the proportionate populations of the City of Milwaukee and the municipalities represented by the Executive Council; therefore, no change in the allocation of appointments is recommended.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☒ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Allocation of Commission Appointments and the Federal 2020 Census**

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#### **Discussion – 2010 Census**

The population of Milwaukee County - 947,735.

The population of the District - 926,579 (Milwaukee County minus City of South Milwaukee).

Each Commissioner should represent 84,234 persons ( $926,576 \div 11 = 84,234$ ).

First Class City population = 594,833. Seven Commissioners should represent exactly 589,638.

The ICC population = 331,746. Four Commissioners should represent exactly 336,938.

The deviation from perfect apportionment is 5,195 (0.6% of 84,234 in a single seat comparison). The tiny underrepresentation of the First Class City is impossible to avoid.

A deviation of 0.6% satisfies the nearly as possible proportionate representation standard with each Commissioner representing nearly an equal number of persons.

#### **Discussion – 2020 Census**

The current population of Milwaukee County – 939,489.

The current population of the District – 918,694 (Milwaukee County minus City of South Milwaukee).

Each Commissioner should represent 83,518 persons ( $918,694 \div 11 = 83,518$ ).

First Class City population – 577,222. Seven Commissioners should represent exactly 584,626, or 83,518 each. Each of the seven actually represents 82,460 each, or a deviation of -1,058 per.

The ICC population – 341,472. Four Commissioners should represent exactly 334,072, or 83,518 each. Each of the four actually represents 85,368, or a deviation of +1,850 per.

The deviation from perfect apportionment is a -1.27% loss per Commissioner from City apportionment, and a +2.22% gain per Commissioner for ICC apportionment over last census in a single seat comparison.

Review of the 2020 Census data (available August 12, 2021) indicates that maintaining an 11-member commission with seven appointments by the First Class City and four appointments by the ICC achieves “as nearly as possible” proportionate representation.

## **RESOLUTION**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the 2020 Census data indicates that maintaining an 11-member Commission with seven appointments by the Mayor of the First Class City and four appointments by the Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council reflects as nearly as possible proportionate representation in accord with the requirements of sec. 200.25(7), Wis. Stats.