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Clerk Christenson and Supervisor Czarnezki Call on Governor Evers to Veto Undemocratic Redistricting Bill

MILWAUKEE – Last week the Wisconsin State Assembly passed <u>Assembly Bill 369</u>, which would shift the timeline for local redistricting in Wisconsin following the 2020 census. County Clerk George Christenson and County Supervisor Joseph Czarnezki released the following statement calling on Governor Tony Evers to veto the bill if it comes to his desk:

"Governor Evers must veto this bill if it makes it to his desk. If signed into law, the effective date for municipal boundaries would be different from the effective date for county supervisory boundaries. This would make the already demanding work that municipal clerks do involving redistricting even more challenging.

"By making implementation for municipal boundaries occur in 2023 but county boundaries occur in 2024, municipal clerks across Wisconsin would see their workloads double. Wisconsin's municipal clerks do not have the capacity and resources to do this important work twice, all while performing their existing duties.

"This bill would also allow the Republican-led legislature to re-write ward boundaries after clerks complete their maps. They will effectively be forcing our overworked and understaffed clerks to redo their work just so the legislature can gerrymander. This is what was done 10 years ago. It is undemocratic and must be stopped at all costs."

Clerk Christenson has served as Milwaukee County Clerk since 2017, where he oversees the Milwaukee County Election Commission. Supervisor Czarnezki served as Milwaukee County Clerk from 2009-2017.