

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Dane County

April 4, 2023

“Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state?”

Explanation

Referendum Question #1 is non-binding and does not have the force of law. The Wisconsin Constitution currently provides that the Legislature must redistrict legislative maps every ten years following the decennial census. Question #1 seeks to elicit the opinion of the voters of Dane County as to whether the Wisconsin Constitution should be amended to provide for a nonpartisan redistricting system.

Advisory Referendum Question: “Should the Wisconsin Legislature adopt an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution creating a new right to privacy that would protect rights such as abortion, same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage?”

Explanation

Referendum Question #2 is non-binding and does not have the force of law. On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overruled *Roe v. Wade*, which had protected a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion since 1973. The *Roe* decision was based upon a constitutional right to privacy. The right to use of contraceptives, inter-racial marriage and same sex marriage are all also based upon a right to privacy. Question 2 seeks to elicit the opinion of the voters of Dane County as to whether the Wisconsin Constitution should be amended to expressly provide for a right to privacy.