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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Jay Ferrin
Subject: Staff-Produced Congressional and Senate Maps Now Available
Date: November 10, 2021

Utilizing the objective standards issued by the Committee on Reapportionment on October 18, committee staff have concluded our work to produce draft Congressional and State Senate maps for review in workshops being held by the respective select subcommittees next week.

Pursuant to Chair Rodrigues' direction that materials be published well in advance of traditional Senate requirements, draft maps are now available on the Legislature's Joint Redistricting website under [Submitted Plans](#), and included in the Select Subcommittee Meeting Packets published on the Senate website.

- [Select Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment](#)
- [Select Subcommittee on Legislative Reapportionment](#)

In drawing draft maps for the select subcommittees to review, staff did not consult with any person other than counsel. Districts were numbered to be roughly analogous to their predecessor districts. These are placeholder numbers that may be renumbered at the direction of the committee.

In drawing plans, staff relied on the plain language of the constitution, federal law, and existing judicial precedent to ensure that plans comply with the complex layering of federal and state standards. Districts were drawn to balance co-equal Tier-Two standards of Article III Sections 20 and 21 of the Florida Constitution, unless doing so would conflict with Tier-One standards. Districts were drawn without the use of any residence information of any sitting member of the Florida Legislature or Congress and without regard to the preservation of existing district boundaries.

To comply with Tier-One standards:

- Districts were drawn without reviewing any political data other than where a review of the political data was required to perform an appropriate functional analysis to evaluate whether or not a district denied or abridged a racial or language minority group's ability to participate in the political process or diminished their ability to elect representatives of their choice.
- The functional analyses performed on relevant districts is included in the meeting packets.

To comply with Tier-Two standards:

- Districts were drawn to be nearly equal in population as practicable, with district population deviations of less than 1% of the ideal population of 538,455 for the draft Senate maps, and plus or minus one person of the ideal population of 769,221 for the draft Congressional maps.
- Districts were drawn to be visually compact in relation to their shape and geography. Mathematical scores were used where appropriate.
- Districts were drawn to use county boundaries where feasible. In less populated areas, whole counties were grouped together to make a district or set of districts. In more populated areas where it was feasible to do so, districts were kept wholly within a county.
- Districts were drawn to use to use geographic features that are easily recognizable. The Boundary analysis for each plan illustrates the rate at which railways, interstates, federal and state highways, and large water bodies were used as boundaries for each district.
- Districts were drawn to keep cities whole where doing so was feasible, while recognizing the impermanent and irregular shapes of municipal boundaries. If or when a city was split, static geographic features were sought out for usage as district boundaries.

The differences between the draft plans represent trade-offs within co-equal Tier-Two criteria, and the staff-produced options are presented to the respective select subcommittees for consideration and exercise of legislative discretion.

If any Senator encounters any technical issues accessing the draft maps, please do not hesitate to reach out to committee staff. We look forward to presenting our work in more detail for your review and discussion next week.