



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Special Session 2022C
DATE: March 29, 2022

As many are aware, the Governor has vetoed CS/SB 102, passed during the regular session. For your early planning purposes, Senators should prepare to return to Tallahassee from April 19-22, 2022, for a special session for the purpose of establishing congressional districts for the state. Additional information will be forthcoming. Speaker Sprowls and I plan to issue a joint statement on this matter, which I have copied below for your reference.

Joint Statement: Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson, House Speaker Chris Sprowls on 2022 Redistricting

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (March 29, 2022) -- Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor) and Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) issued the following joint statement regarding redistricting:

“Notwithstanding the delayed census, during the 2022 Regular Session, Florida’s Legislature passed new House and Senate maps with strong bipartisan support. For the first time in nearly a century, the Legislature’s maps were not challenged by a single party, and earlier this month were declared valid by the Florida Supreme Court.”

“Unlike state legislative maps, the congressional map requires approval by the Governor, and Governor DeSantis has vetoed the legislation we passed earlier this month. Our goal is for Florida to have a new congressional map passed by the Legislature, signed by the Governor, and upheld by the court if challenged. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to exhaust every effort in pursuit of a legislative solution. We look forward to working with our colleagues and Governor DeSantis during the upcoming special session on a congressional map that will earn the support of the Legislature and the Governor and fulfill our constitutional obligation for the 2022 redistricting process.”