

# Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

CASE NO.: SC12-1

IN RE: JOINT RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

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On January 4, 2012, this Court issued its scheduling order to ensure the prompt disposition of the duties placed upon the Court by article III, section 16(c), of the Florida Constitution. The scheduling order provided that a separate order would be issued setting forth the electronic format for the submission of legislative apportionment plans, including alternative plans. In accordance with that provision, the Court issues this order specifying the format for the submission of plans.

The Attorney General is directed to file along with the petition for declaratory judgment the apportionment plans for the newly created House of Representatives and Senate Districts in .doj format. The Attorney General is also directed to file the last legally enforceable House and Senate apportionment plans used in Florida in .doj format.

For each plan file submitted for the newly created apportionment plans, the Attorney General is directed to specify the software used to create the plan, the data and criteria used in drafting the plan, the source of the data used in drafting the plan, and any other relevant information. The Attorney General is also directed to file along with the plan statistical reports for both the new plans and the last legally enforceable plans in searchable Portable Document Format (PDF), which include at a minimum the following from the 2010 Census: the population numbers in each district, the total voting age population (VAP) in each district, and the VAP of each racial and ethnic group in each district. Reports with additional information and statistics (e.g., compactness measurements), and reports for prior apportionment plans, may also be submitted in searchable PDF format.

The Attorney General is also directed to provide the Court with maps of the House and Senate apportionment plans depicting the new districts, which shall include maps depicting the entire state as well as regional maps. In addition to the maps depicting the districts, the Attorney General may also file maps depicting the apportionment plans with data overlays. For each such map, the Attorney General is directed to specify the data depicted in the data overlay and the source of that

data. The Attorney General may also file maps other than maps depicting the new apportionment plans, including maps of prior apportionment plans with or without any data overlays. For each map filed with the Court, the Attorney General is directed to file the map in electronic PDF format and provide the Court with fifteen (15) color paper copies.

Parties submitting alternative plans must submit the alternative plans electronically in .doj format to [redistricting2012@flcourts.org](mailto:redistricting2012@flcourts.org). As directed in this Court's January 4, 2012, scheduling order, this Court will not accept alternative plans submitted separately from briefs or comments. Parties should explain in their briefs or comments the significance of any submitted alternative plans to their claim.

For each plan file submitted, the submitting party must specify the software used to create the plan, the data and criteria used in drafting each plan, the source of the data used in drafting the plan, and any other relevant information. The submitting party shall also specify whether the alternative plan is a partial or complete plan, and the population deviation for each district in the plan; if a partial plan is submitted, the submitting party must specify what county or counties are included in the partial plan. Parties may also submit statistical reports related to each submitted plan in searchable PDF format.

For each submitted alternative plan, the submitting party must file map(s) depicting the alternative plan districts with this Court. At least one map shall be filed that reflects the entire alternative plan. The submitting party may file additional maps showing regions or areas of interest. In addition to maps depicting the districts of the alternative plan, the submitting party may also file maps depicting the apportionment plans with data overlays, including maps of the prior plans. Each such map shall specify the data depicted in the data overlay and the source of that data. For each map filed with the Court, the submitting party shall file the map in electronic PDF format and provide the Court with fifteen (15) color paper copies.

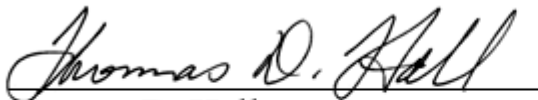
Should the Attorney General or any other potential party to this case wish to submit to the Court files, programs, data sets, or information in addition to that permitted in this order, the Court will entertain appropriate motions, which shall be limited to these issues. Motions must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The provisions of Florida Rule of Appellate

Procedure 9.420(f) regarding computation of time for a period of time less than seven days are suspended. Pursuant to Administrative Order In re: Mandatory Submission of Electronic Copies of Documents, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC04-84 (Sept. 13, 2004), in addition to the paper filings, all filings shall be submitted electronically via e-mail to [redistricting2012@flcourts.org](mailto:redistricting2012@flcourts.org), and every document submitted via e-mail shall be in a Word format and be accessible to persons with disabilities in the manner required by section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, sections 282.601 through 282.606, Florida Statutes, and related regulations or guidelines.

CANADY, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, LABARGA, and PERRY, JJ., concur.

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