

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

March 29, 2011

WELCOME MEMBERS

OVERVIEW OF REDISTRICTING PROCESS



SUNSHINE LAW OVERVIEW

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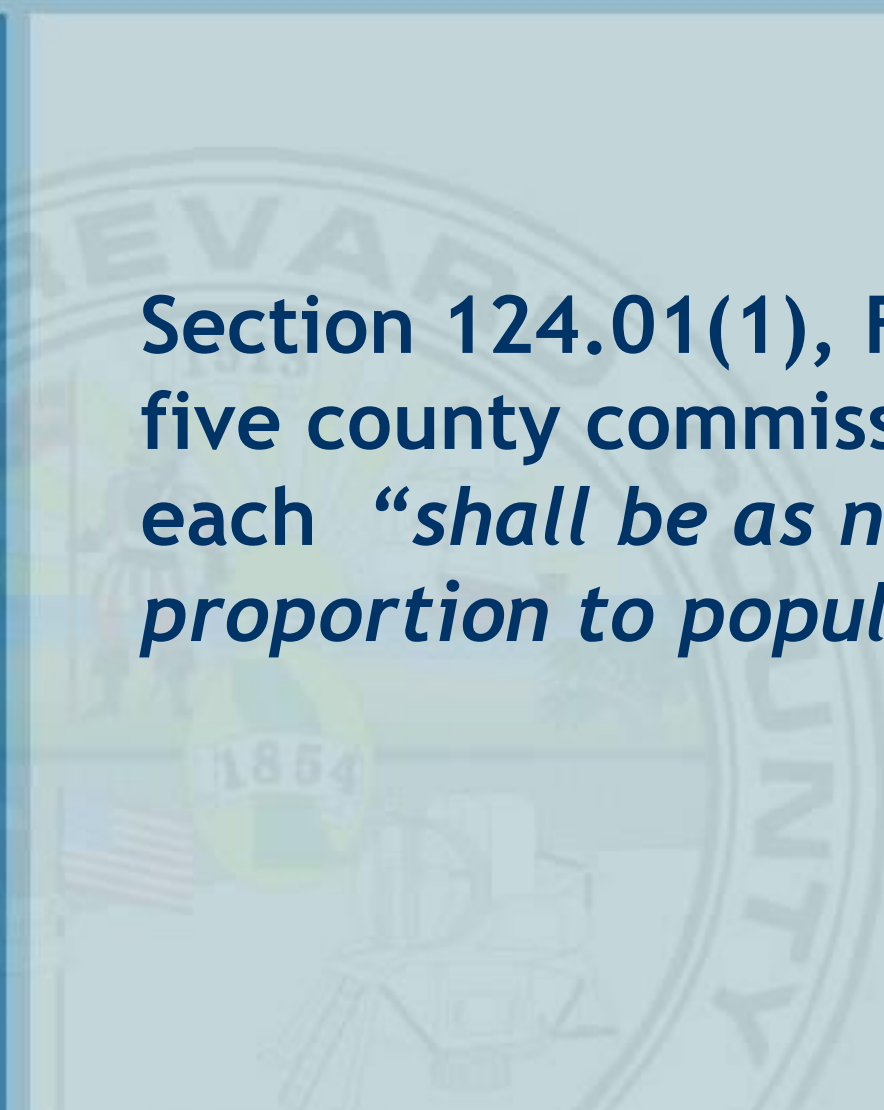


CHAPTER 124, F.S.

- Chapter 124, F.S. entitled *County Organization and Intergovernmental Relations* governs the division of counties into County Commission districts.

SECTION 124.02 (1), F.S.

Section 124.01(1), F.S. provides for five county commissioners' districts, each *“shall be as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible.”*



SECTION 124.01(3), F.S.

- Section 124.01(3), F.S. establishes that *“the Board of County Commissioners shall from time to time, fix the boundaries of the districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible; provided that changes made in the boundaries of county commissioner districts shall be made only in odd-numbered years.”*

B.C. CHARTER REQUIREMENTS

- Brevard County's Charter requires establishment of a special citizen committee to present a redistricting plan to the BCC.
- The Redistricting Committee is made up of 15 members.

BCC AUTHORITY

- The final decision on the Committee's recommended redistricting plan rests with the County Commission.
- The County Commission may accept or reject the Committee's recommendation, but it cannot modify the proposed plan.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE'S MISSION

- Study the population data obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census;
- Conduct public meetings; and
- Present a recommended plan to the BCC for the realignment of the district boundaries.

COMMITTEE'S INITIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Elect chair and vice chair**
- **Adopt operating rules and criteria for preparing alternative draft plans for consideration**

DATA SOURCES

- 2010 Population Estimates through the U.S. Bureau of the Census
- Arc Info Districting Extension software

CENSUS BLOCK DATA

- Census Blocks vary in shape and population size but generally follow existing, logical boundaries, such as streets or roadways, rivers, lakes, railroad tracks, etc.

CENSUS BLOCK DATA, CONT.

- Block data include the total number of persons identified as residents of the census block as well as background information such as race, ethnicity and age.

CENSUS BLOCK DATA, CONT.

- Block data are layered with GIS software data over municipal boundaries along with existing Commission district boundaries

POSSIBLE FIRST STEPS

- Determine current population of each Commission district;
- Compare each district's population with average district size; and
- Evaluate background information for each district.

SIX REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

- Proposed districts should be as nearly equal in population as is possible, but not greater than 5% over or under the average district size.
- Follow manmade and natural boundaries.
- Recognize municipal and neighborhood boundaries.

REDISTRICTING CRITERIA, CONT.

- **Maintain compact uniform district shape.**
- **Avoid discriminatory intent or effect.**
- **Recognize existing district boundaries.**

2001 REDISTRICT PLAN

<u>District</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Deviation</u>
1	96,235	+1.0227
2	94,430	-0.8641
3	93,786	-1.5567
4	96,406	+1.2032
5	95,373	+0.1332

Population Deviation—each district had a mean deviation of 2% (5% is the standard threshold)

2010 DATA

<u>District</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Deviation</u>
1	105,110	-3.3
2	92,905	-14.5
3	115,980	+6.8
4	119,374	+9.9
5	109,917	+1.2

Note: Optimum population distribution is 108,585 persons per district.

2001 RESULTS

- **Municipal and Neighborhood Boundaries.** The City of Indian Harbour Beach was unified within one Commission district.
- **The Redistricting Plan** was unable to eliminate the division of Cocoa, Palm Bay, Melbourne, and West Melbourne into separate districts.

2001 RESULTS, CONT.

- **Municipal boundaries, water bodies, bridges, highways and roads (avoiding centerlines) were observed.**
- **Retain Minority Communities. Minority voter precincts identified by the Committee were maintained intact.**

TOOLS AVAILABLE TO YOU

- **Live GIS map support**
- **On line availability of data/reports via Planning & Zoning web page**

GOAL TO COMPLETE

**Recommendation to BCC by
October 1, 2011**



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