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Florida House of Representatives – House Redistricting Committee Redistricting Update – February 11, 2011

NCSL's Redistricting Law 2010

This week, House Redistricting Committee staff hand-delivered copies of the National Conference of State Legislatures' [Redistricting Law 2010](#) to all members of the Florida House of Representatives. This handbook provides a comprehensive summary of the legal framework that governs the redistricting process. If you want a printed copy of [Redistricting Law 2010](#), you can order by [clicking here](#).

DOJ Gives Guidance on Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act

February 9, 2011, the US Department of Justice released revised guidance regarding redistricting submissions and Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. You can view [Federal Register Vol. 76, No. 27 by clicking here](#). Also, [click here](#) for Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas Perez' comments on redistricting to the National Association of Latino Elected Officials.

Do It Yourself Redistricting?

There has been a growing conversation on the web lately about "crowdsourcing" in redistricting. Thankfully, MyDistrictBuilder got a few mentions in those columns and blogs! To read more about public participation in redistricting, check out the links below:

[Spatial Roundtable: Opening the Redistricting Process to Citizens](#)

[The Rise of Do-It-Yourself Redistricting](#)

[The Dawn of Do-It-Yourself Redistricting? Online Software Puts Redistricting Tools in the Hands of the Public](#)

A Word from the U.S .Census Bureau on Housing Data

Recently, some people have expressed concern over the high number of vacant houses reported in the redistricting files released by the US Census. In his latest blog, US Census Director Dr. Bob Groves addresses these concerns and tells us to "Be Careful Interpreting the Housing Data from the State Redistricting Files." Dr. Groves says one reason for the high number of vacancies is that some of the vacant houses listed in the redistricting files are intended for seasonal and recreational use. To read the full blog, [click here](#).

How to Use MyDistrictBuilder

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We've added another tutorial on how to use MyDistrictBuilder at <http://www.youtube.com/MyDistrictBuilderFL>. This week our staff explain how to optimize your settings before building districts. If you've yet to check out [MyDistrictBuilder, click here](#).

Sincerely,

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