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## Florida House of Representatives – House Redistricting Committee Redistricting Update – June 1, 2011

### First Two Public Submissions for Redistricting Received

The Florida House of Representatives recently received the first two redistricting proposals from Floridians. You can check them at the new Plan Explorer page at:

<http://mydistrictbuilderplanexplorer.wordpress.com/>.

- The first submission is a complete congressional plan for Florida at <http://mydistrictbuilderplanexplorer.wordpress.com/2011/05/27/hpubc0001-ortiz-nicholas-a/>.
- The second submission is a partial State House plan for Brevard County area at <http://mydistrictbuilderplanexplorer.wordpress.com/2011/05/27/hparh0002-alvarez-john/>.

### Updates to FloridaRedistricting.Org

Today we implemented changes to [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org) to provide improved access to information for visitors, based on their level of interest in redistricting. The main page of [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org) now features:

- Legislative Headlines – including the latest announcements regarding the redistricting process.
- Public Participation – a one-stop shop for information and resources essential to participation in Florida’s redistricting process.
- Legal Concepts – an introduction to Florida and federal legal standards for redistricting.
- Additional Resources – helpful resources for Floridians interested in analyzing and creating redistricting plans.

The site still features access to the House’s [MyDistrictBuilder](#)<sup>™</sup> application, the web-based redistricting tool for both Floridians and their legislators to propose new district boundary lines. Underneath the MyDistrictBuilder banner, [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org) now features new banner links that provide more visible access to:

- [Plan Explorer](#) – public viewing portal of redistricting proposals submitted by Floridians.

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Home: [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org)

MyDistrictBuilder: [floridaredistricting.cloudapp.net/MyDistrictBuilder.aspx](http://floridaredistricting.cloudapp.net/MyDistrictBuilder.aspx)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MyDistrictBuilder](http://www.facebook.com/MyDistrictBuilder)

Twitter: [twitter.com/FLRedistricting](http://twitter.com/FLRedistricting)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/MyDistrictBuilderFL](http://www.youtube.com/MyDistrictBuilderFL)



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- [Blog & Resources](#) – additional insight into the legislative process for Florida’s redistricting, including resources for those wishing to become redistricting scholars.
- [Meeting Calendar](#) – more than two dozen meetings, throughout the State, for citizen input and suggestions for Florida’s new state legislative and congressional district boundaries.
- [Public Records](#) – presentations, meeting videos and podcasts, meeting packets, email update archives, press releases and more from the Redistricting Committee.

## Speaker Cannon’s Statement Regarding Preclearance of Amendments 5 and 6

May 31, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Justice “precleared” the newly adopted Sections 20 and 21 of Article III of the Florida Constitution (Amendments 5 and 6), regarding standards for state legislative and congressional redistricting. Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon released the following statement:

“The preclearance of Amendments 5 and 6 was a necessary step before the legislature could implement them as part of the upcoming redistricting process. More importantly, the preclearance of Amendments 5 and 6 is validation that Florida’s new constitutional standards for redistricting promote and protect the ability of racial and language minority communities to equally participate in the electoral process and elect candidates of their choice.”

To learn more about “preclearance” and how Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act impacts Florida, visit: <http://mydistrictbuilder.wordpress.com/section5/>.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need for additional information.

Sincerely,

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