



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

Dean Cannon
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Dean Cannon, Speaker

DATE: April 8, 2011

RE: House Redistricting Committee and Subcommittees

During the 2012 Session, the House will engage in the constitutionally required process of redistricting. The lead up to that process will begin this summer. Starting in July and ending in November, the House, in conjunction with the Senate, will hold approximately 30 public hearings across Florida.

The House is developing our own web-based redistricting application (*MyDistrictBuilder*) currently available in "beta" format at www.floridaredistricting.org. The application will be fully functional by this summer. The 2010 Census data has been uploaded into the beta test version of our House application.

Some additional preparatory work will be required prior to this summer. Consequently, the Redistricting Committee, the House Redistricting Subcommittee, the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee, and the Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee will hold several meetings during the final weeks of this Session.

Members interested in serving on the Redistricting Committee or subcommittees should notify the Speaker's Office by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, by e-mailing Lynn Imhof. Please be aware that service on the redistricting committee or subcommittees will require attending 25% of this summer's public hearings, including attending meetings outside of your home region.

As we begin the redistricting process, I would remind you that we will conduct this process in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of the law. Consequently, Members should refrain from discussing their personal political ambitions, their personal district preferences, or the ambitions or preferences of other candidates or officeholders with the chairmen, the members, or the staff of the Redistricting Committee or the redistricting subcommittees.