

Florida Redistricting  
Tallahassee – June 20, 2011

**House District – Northeast Gadsden County**

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Mr. Chair,

As County Commissioner for a large segment of northeast Gadsden County, I appear before this honorable committee to request your most serious consideration to include the Havana area within the Florida House of Representatives district serving northern Leon County. This request for realignment is based upon the serious need to better join together in a traditional manner “communities of common interest” and to do so in compliance with State and Federal law. To this worthy end, please allow me to reference the following key points in support of this redistricting request:

1. Because of its geographical location, northeast Gadsden County is closely aligned with northern Leon County as evidenced by a shared county line on the eastern side and with all east/west connector roads tying together both counties;
2. Most of the business interests, employment, higher education, retail consumer shopping, social, medical, transportation, recreational and cultural needs and requirements of northeast Gadsden County are closely tied to northern Leon County;
3. And, northeast Gadsden County has transitioned into a suburb of northern Leon County with most families having a close day to day presence within the Tallahassee area north of West Tennessee Street and north of East Mahan Drive.

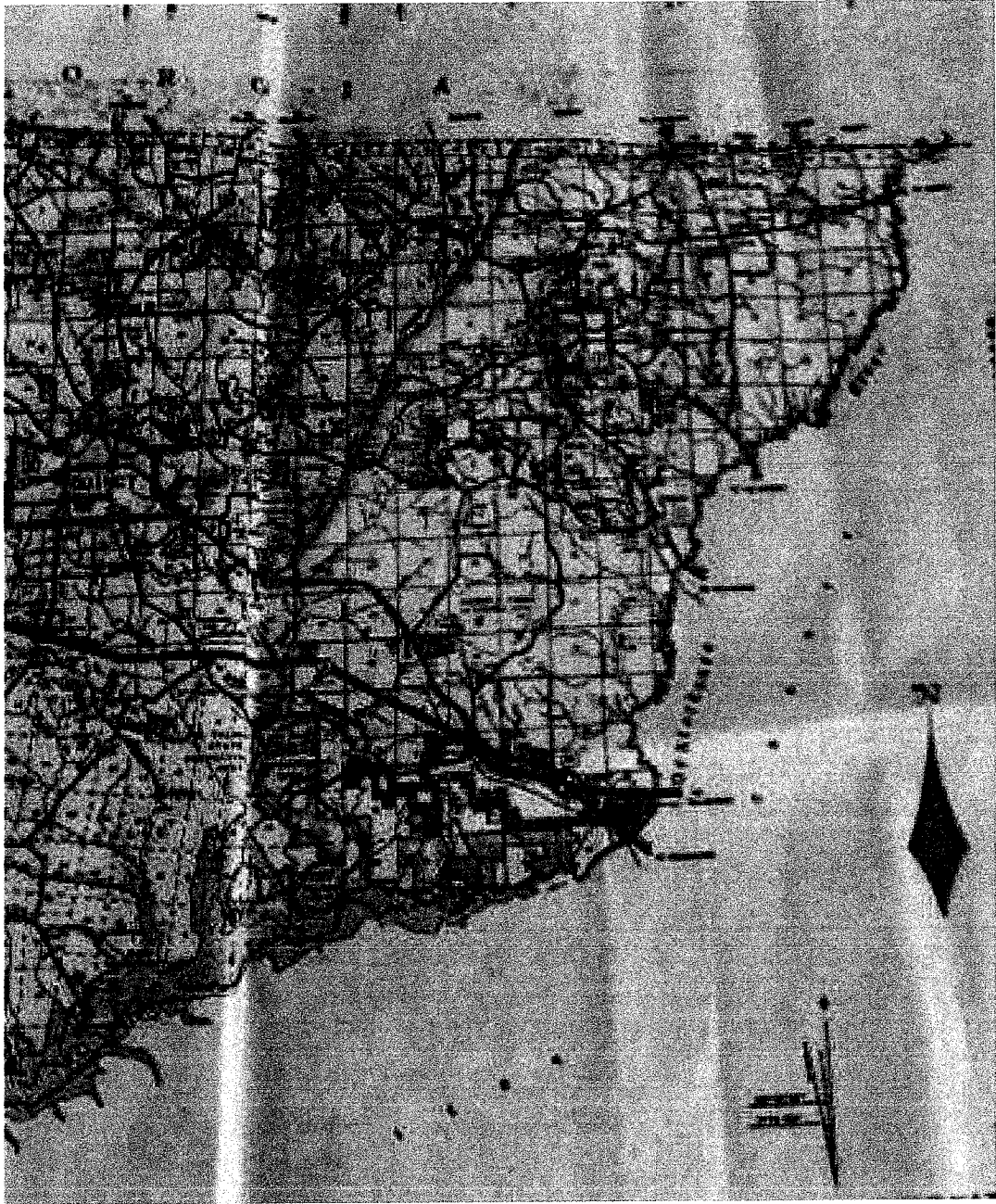
The attached Florida Department of Transportation county map has been highlighted in yellow to indicate northeast Gadsden County in a manner that lends both simplicity and reasonableness to this specific redistricting request. (See attachments #s 1 & 2.)

Having discussed this matter with numerous citizens, I am confident that this proposal will be well received if implemented. I have also touched upon this subject with each of our present State Representatives now serving Gadsden County and I believe that each of them fully appreciate the rationale that underlies this proposal.

I thank the Committee for its time and attentiveness. Should any member now have questions, I will be happy to respond. Otherwise, I will be available to your staff to provide any additional information needed.

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Attachment #1



Attachment #2

Boundary Description of Northeast Gadsden County

West Boundary - beginning at the Georgia State line run south down the Swamp Creek to the Attapulcus Creek, then run south down Attapulcus Creek to Willacoochee Creek, then run south down the Little River to U S Hwy 90.

South Boundary – begin at the Little River and run east along north side of US Hwy 90 to Interstate 10, then run east along north side of Interstate 10 to the Ochlockonee River.

East Boundary – begin at north side of Interstate 10 and run north up Ochlockonee River to Georgia State line.

North Boundary – begin at Ochlockonee River and run west to the Swamp Creek.