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House Redistricting Subcommittees Begin Reviewing Early Plans for New Maps

Florida Legislature has received nearly 100 maps from Floridians

Tallahassee, Fla. – Using the public input received from Floridians at 26 meetings around the state and online through FloridaRedistricting.org, House redistricting subcommittees discussed a host of options on Monday as they move one step closer to formally introducing maps as part of the Florida Legislature’s redistricting efforts.

“Florida is a dynamic and diverse state and will face many challenges over the course of the next decade; creating districts that accurately reflect the unique makeup of our communities is critical,” said House Redistricting Committee Chairman Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel). “We must ensure the voices of all Floridians are heard and their concerns are addressed before we begin drawing maps. We must listen before we act.”

As part of Monday’s meetings, subcommittee members reviewed early plans developed using ideas and suggestions presented throughout the public outreach phase of the redistricting process. The subcommittees began considering how certain maps will be drawn around several Florida cities and communities. Each House subcommittee has developed its own course for beginning the process of drawing maps. Among the options considered by the subcommittees:

Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee:

- Options for urban communities and the subsequent impacts on rural communities;
- Options for high growth communities;
- Options for minority communities; and
- Options for starting the maps in Central Florida.

House Redistricting Subcommittee:

- Options for major population centers;
- Tradeoffs between whole counties versus cross-jurisdictional communities; and
- Options for racial and language minority communities.

Senate Redistricting Subcommittee:

- Comparisons of the potential big picture themes for each region; and
- Options for minority communities.

Floridians are still encouraged to submit additional maps via the Florida House's MyDistrictBuilder™ application in preparation for the 2012 Legislative Session, which begins January 10, 2012. To date, nearly 100 maps have been received. Floridians may follow the Redistricting committees on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or email committee staff directly at MyDistrictBuilder@myfloridahouse.gov.

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