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Redistricting 2012: Florida Legislature Kicks Off Statewide Public Input Tour

House & Senate Redistricting Committees to Hold 26 Public Meetings Across Florida

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida House and Senate officially kicked off a statewide public input tour today in Tallahassee. Legislators serving on the House and Senate redistricting committees and subcommittees will travel to 26 cities across the state to gather public input on redistricting prior to beginning the work of drawing new state House, state Senate and congressional district boundaries. Redistricting must be finalized during the 2012 Legislative Session.

“Redistricting is a historic event that occurs only once every ten years, and it is our goal to engage every Floridian in this fundamental exercise of political rights,” said Senator Don Gaetz (R-Fort Walton Beach), Chair of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment. “With that objective in mind, we are proud to host a series of 26 community meetings across the state, which will be dedicated to listening to Floridians and getting their input about what they believe are the important facts and unique characteristics of their communities.”

Floridians who are unable to attend one of the 26 public redistricting meetings can watch the meetings live via the Florida Channel by visiting, www.MyFloridaHouse.gov and submit their comments electronically via Facebook and Twitter which are available at www.floridaredistricting.org.

“These public meetings are an opportunity for all Floridians to share their story with lawmakers and help shape the districts that are the basis of representation in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.,” said Representative Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel), Chair of the House Redistricting Committee. “It is our hope that Floridians who care about how their communities

are represented will join us at one or more public redistricting meetings so that their voices can be heard.”

“And for those who are unable to attend a meeting, we encourage you to get involved in the redistricting process through the tools and information available on the websites launched by the Florida House (floridaredistricting.org) and Senate (www.flsenate.gov/Redistricting),” added Representative Weatherford.

For a complete listing of the public meetings taking place across the State of Florida or to find more information on the Redistricting process and how you can get involved, please visit www.floridaredistricting.org.

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