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Florida House of Representatives Approves State Legislative and Congressional Maps

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida House of Representatives today approved House, Senate and Congressional maps after receiving thousands of suggestions from Floridians from across the state. Floridians joined House members throughout the eight-month process in helping to produce maps that meet state and federal redistricting standards.

"The House, Senate and Congressional maps passed by the House of Representatives are the product of many months spent talking to Floridians about what they want to see in the maps that form Florida's districts for the next decade," said House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park). "I commend Chairman Weatherford and the Members of the Redistricting committee and subcommittees for making this the most open and transparent redistricting process in Florida's history.

"I am proud of the members of the House of Representatives who voted to uphold the constitution and respect the will of Floridians by approving the redistricting maps today. There are incumbents that may not return as a result of the newly adopted maps," said House Redistricting Committee Chairman Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel). "The new districts, which will be in effect for the next decade, are the culmination of a transparent process which produced a better product."

The redistricting maps approved by the House of Representatives include:

- State House Map <u>SJR 1176</u> (plan H000H9049: <u>Google Maps</u>, <u>PDF map</u>, <u>Data and More Info</u>)
- Congressional Map <u>SB 1174</u> (plan H000C9047: <u>Google Maps</u>, <u>PDF map</u>, <u>Data and More Info</u>)
- State Senate Map: <u>SJR 1176</u> (plan S0009008: <u>Google Maps</u>, <u>PDF map</u>, <u>Data and More Info</u>)

Since the process began, more than 4,700 citizens attended 26 statewide public meetings and more than 1,600 appeared before the committee and subcommittees. Thousands of others participated online via Facebook, Twitter, email, and by watching via the Florida Channel online. The committee received hundreds of additional written suggestions for redistricting maps and 177 public submissions of redistricting plans – up from only four in 2002. There were also more than 34,000 visitors to FloridaRedistricting.org, 520 page likes on Facebook and 800 Twitter followers.

Copies of the maps are available <u>online</u>. As the maps make their way through the clearance process, Floridians can continue visiting <u>FloridaRedistricting.org</u> for updates.

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