UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

MICHAEL BANERIAN, MICHON BOMMARITO; PETER COLOVOS, WILLIAM GORDON, JOSEPH GRAVES, BEAU LaFAVE, CAMERON PICKFORD, HARRY SAWICKI and MICHELLE SMITH,

Plaintiffs,

v

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as Secretary of State of Michigan, DOUGLAS CLARK, JUANITA CURRY, ANTHONY EID, RHONDA LANGE, STEVEN TERRY LETT, BRITTNI KELLOM, CYNTHIA ORTON, M.C. ROTHHORN, REBECCA SZETELA, JANICE VALLETTE, ERIN WAGNER, RICHARD WEISS and DUSTIN WITJES, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Defendants,

and

JOAN SWARTZ MCKAY, et al,

Intervenor-Defendants,

and

VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS,

Intervenor-Defendant.

No. 1:22-cv-00054

HON. PAUL L. MALONEY

MAG. SALLY J. BERENS

DEFENDANT MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

DEFENDANT MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

EXHIBIT LIST

1. Department of State Bulletins

We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function to provide you with the best experience. The controller of this site may choose to place supplementary cookies to support additional functionality such as support analytics, and has an obligation to disclose these cookies. Learn more in our Cookie Statement.

Michigan Secretary of State's Office

Subscribe to updates from Michigan Secretary of State

Email Address e.g. name@example.com

Subscribe

Share Bulletin

1/27/2022 News Update - Redistricting Edition #2

Michigan Secretary of State sent this bulletin at 01/27/2022 04:54 PM EST

Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.

Michigan Bureau of Elections
News Update
for Election Administrators

January 27, 2022

Special Redistricting Edition

In this issue:

- Overview
- What is Geocoding?
- Approved Maps from Independent Redistricting Commission
- Custom Voter List for Precinct Totals

Overview

The Bureau of Elections is currently working to update the QVF with new district assignments based on post-2020 census redistricting. Compared to prior redistricting cycles, BOE has modernized the redistricting approach in order to make QVF updates as efficient as possible for BOE and clerks. Updates to QVF are proceeding in 3 phases. During the first phase, BOE is automatically updating County Commissioner, State House, State Senate and US Congressional district assignments for jurisdictions that are within a single district. This phase should be completed within the next two weeks. In the second phase, BOE will geocode QVF addresses and pre-assign updated district values to street segments based on their location. In Phase 3, local clerks will both review the pre-assigned district values and communicate precinct boundary changes to BOE. Geocoding addresses to pre-assign them significantly speeds up the process but because it does not always result in the address being in the correct district location, the third phase is critical to ensure addresses are in the right districts.

Clerks may submit precinct boundary changes either by submitting a "marked up" street index listing report (the system used after the 2010 redistricting), or can use the newly developed electronic redistricting module in QVF. Instructions on how to use this new module will be available soon. If anyone would prefer to start the process of determining new precinct boundaries before their redistricting is complete in QVF, a custom voter list can be exported from QVF to help with this process. See the related article, *Custom Voter List for Precinct Totals.*

The Bureau will continue to communicate updates via these weekly special redistricting News Updates to keep you apprised of the progress. Stay tuned for next week's newsletter for details about new voter information (ID) cards.

What is Geocoding?

Geocoding is a technique that assigns location values (latitude and longitude coordinates) to addresses. This allows QVF addresses to be placed on a map, and seen relative to the new County Commissioner, State House, State Senate, and US Congressional Districts.

Approved Maps from Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Approved, interactive maps can be viewed at this webpage.

Shape Files: For those using local GIS assistance to draw new precinct boundaries, the shape files for the approved maps (Chestnut, Linden & Hickory) can be downloaded from this webpage.

The new maps will soon be viewable in the state of Michigan District Locator webpage, which includes municipal and precinct boundary layers as well as the district layers. Currently, the tool still has the post-2010 redistricting layers. BOE will inform clerks when this website is available with the updated maps.

Helpful Links

Custom Voter List for Precinct Totals

A Custom Voter List can be used to estimate voter population totals for new precincts. To generate the report from QVF, follow the steps below. Once the report is generated, you may apply filters, then sort columns based on street name and/or house number. Using the report in this way requires you to visually check the location of streets within your new precincts on a separate map, then tally up the voter records on the custom voter list for that area. Although it can be time-consuming, this method does give you an idea of voter population for new precincts. Inactive/IVF voters may be excluded from the calculation of precinct size. They are still considered eligible voters, but are not counted toward the maximum allowable precinct population. For the purpose of planning resources for running a precinct, you can choose to leave them off this report. Refer to the optional criteria shown below.

Reports>Custom Voter List, Report Options:

Output Format: Listing

Report Format: CSV

Grouping: Ward Precinct

Sort: Address/Last/First/Middle

*Optional Report Criteria

- Select specific precincts for export using the Geography & Precincts tabs
- Exclude the voters on the inactive file by checking the “Exclude Voters in IVF” box

Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 or elections@michigan.gov.

The Bureau of Elections News Update will always be sent to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk email accounts. If other election administrators would like to receive this newsletter as well use the Subscribe link below to have it sent directly to another email account.

It is recommended that you add misos@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov and MISOS@public.govdelivery.com to your safe senders list.

Questions?
Contact Us

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:
Subscribe | Help

Powered by

govdelivery

Privacy Policy | Cookie Statement | Help

We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function to provide you with the best experience. The controller of this site may choose to place supplementary cookies to support additional functionality such as support analytics, and has an obligation to disclose these cookies. Learn more in our Cookie Statement.

Michigan Secretary of State's Office

Subscribe to updates from Michigan Secretary of State

Email Address e.g. name@example.com
Subscribe

Share Bulletin

2/3/2022 News Update - Redistricting Edition #3 - Voter ID Cards, Three-Phase Redistricting Approach and Recall Elections in May/Ballot Admin

Michigan Secretary of State sent this bulletin at 02/03/2022 04:01 PM EST

Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.

Michigan Bureau of Elections
News Update
for Election Administrators

February 3, 2022

Special Redistricting Edition #3

In this issue:

- Voter Information Card (Voter ID Card) Tool for Voters Impacted by Redistricting
- Three-Phase Redistricting Approach in Detail
- Recall Elections in May and QVF Ballot Admin

Voter Information Card (Voter ID Card) Tool for Voters Impacted by Redistricting

The Bureau is developing a special feature in QVF to help you manage your Voter Information Cards (Voter ID cards) for voters impacted by redistricting and reapportionment. The feature will assist you in keeping these cards separate from cards you print on a regular basis from the Inbox. You may choose to print the cards yourself in-house, or export the data to send to a vendor for printing. We anticipate this report/export will be available in QVF by late March. Prior to printing new Voter Information Cards, clerks must review their QVF Street Index changes for accuracy, and any necessary polling location changes should be completed before printing/exporting Voter Information Cards. Once BOE has the functionality and administrative steps in place, we will communicate how changes can be reviewed, and how Voter Information Cards can be generated from QVF.

Recall Elections in May & QVF Ballot Admin

Recall elections on the May 3rd, 2022 ballot must be conducted using the boundaries prior to the 2022 redistricting & reapportionment. The Bureau will refrain from applying district and precinct boundary changes to those communities with a recall until after the May election. It is important to note that counties must check the recall box while completing Ballot Admin, to indicate when an office on the ballot is a recall, no later than

Three-Phase Redistricting Approach in Detail

The Bureau of Elections is currently working to update the QVF with new district assignments based on post-2020 census redistricting. Updates to QVF will happen in 3 phases. During the first phase, BOE is automatically updating County Commissioner, State House, State Senate and US Congressional district assignments for jurisdictions that are within a single district. For example, Munising Township is entirely contained within a single State House, State Senate, and US Congressional district – 109, 38, and 1, respectively. These districts will automatically be assigned during Phase 1. This phase should be completed within the next two weeks.

In the second phase, BOE will geocode QVF addresses, and pre-assign updated district values to street segments based on their location. This means that new county commissioner, State House, State Senate and US Congressional district values will be applied (as necessary) to all street segments in jurisdictions split by a district. For example, Munising Township is split by county commissioner districts 1 and 2. All QVF street segments in Munising Township will automatically be assigned

March 7th, the deadline for the May Election Ballot Admin. Please notify the Bureau ASAP if you anticipate a recall election in May by emailing ElectionData@Michigan.gov.

their new county commissioner district during Phase 2.

In Phase 3, local clerks will (1) review the pre-assigned district values and then (2) communicate precinct boundary changes to BOE. This manual review step is critical, because geocoding address will not always automatically assign addresses the correct district values. For example, Munising Township will visually compare the new automatically assigned county commissioner district values in QVF to the new county commissioner district maps approved by the Alger County reapportionment committee. If the township is satisfied the county commissioner district assignments in QVF match the map, and if the township is not altering their precinct boundaries, no further action is needed.

Helpful Links

Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 or elections@michigan.gov.

The Bureau of Elections News Update will always be sent to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk email accounts. If other election administrators would like to receive this newsletter as well use the Subscribe link below to have it sent directly to another email account.

It is recommended that you add misos@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov and MISOS@public.govdelivery.com to your safe senders list.

Questions?
Contact Us

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:
Subscribe | Help

Powered by GOVDELIVERY

Privacy Policy | Cookie Statement | Help

We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function to provide you with the best experience. The controller of this site may choose to place supplementary cookies to support additional functionality such as support analytics, and has an obligation to disclose these cookies. Learn more in our Cookie Statement.

Michigan Secretary of State's Office

Subscribe to updates from Michigan Secretary of State

Email Address e.g. name@example.com
Subscribe

Share Bulletin

2/10/2022 News Update - Redistricting Edition #4 - Voter Information (ID) Card Requirements, Redistricting, Phase 1 Nearing Completion and No Precinct Boundary Change - No Resolution Needed

Michigan Secretary of State sent this bulletin at 02/10/2022 04:57 PM EST

Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.

February 10, 2022

Special Redistricting Edition #4

In this issue:

- Voter Information (ID) Card Requirements
- Redistricting, Phase 1 Nearing Completion
- No Precinct Change - No Resolution Needed

Voter Information (ID) Card Requirements

MCL 168.499(3) requires the clerk to send a voter information (ID) card if a voter is affected by a change in State House, State Senate, US Congressional, or County Commissioner district or precinct. This includes all voters on the Active, Verify, and Challenged statuses, regardless of their presence on the inactive voter file (IVF) list. The registered address must be printed on the card. To avoid some returned mail, a voter with a known overseas address or a P.O. box should have their card placed in an envelope with a mailing label reflecting their specific mailing address. Voter information cards may be printed and mailed by the clerk's office, or the information can be exported from the Qualified Voter File (QVF) and a vendor may print and mail the cards on behalf of the Clerk. A new tool is being developed in QVF to assist you with the management of voter information card issuance for voters impacted by redistricting and reapportionment. More details to come once this updated tool is released in the software.

If your jurisdiction is having an election in March or May 2022, you must continue to send voter information cards to new voters and those with a change of address that places them in a new precinct or district participating in either election. In order to preserve resources, if by February 11 you can confirm that your voters are not having a special election, then you may choose to forego sending Voter Information cards to new voters until your redistricting and reapportionment is completed in QVF (approximately April or May).

A city or township that is redrawing precinct boundaries, but is not affected by a State House, State Senate, US Congressional, or County Commissioner district boundary change must notify their voters of the precinct change by mailing updated voter information cards.

Redistricting, Phase 1 Nearing Completion

On Monday afternoon, the Bureau completed redistricting updates in QVF for much of the State. A total of 1,109 jurisdictions are wholly contained within a single State Senate, State House, US Congressional and County Commissioner District. These jurisdictions are considered complete in the assignment of their new districts. The next step for these jurisdictions is to review precinct size and determine if precinct boundary changes are required so as not to exceed 2,999 registered voters. Following precinct boundary review, if no precinct changes are required, these jurisdictions can plan to send new voter information cards fairly soon – refer to the *Voter Information Card Requirements* article of this newsletter. Please note that, to avoid interfering with ongoing elections, district changes were not applied to jurisdictions conducting a March or May special election or recall election in any of the related district types. These jurisdictions will be unable to send Voter Information Cards reflecting new district changes until the new districts are applied following those elections.

Redistricting Phase 2 is underway; this work will apply new district values to street segments in jurisdictions split by a district. We will communicate the progress of updating QVF under this phase as the work progresses.

A city or township that is not redrawing precinct boundaries and is not affected by a State House, State Senate, US Congressional, or County Commissioner district boundary changes is not required to send additional voter information cards.

Helpful Links

No Precinct Change – No Resolution Needed

If your jurisdiction does not require the redrawing of precinct boundary lines due to voter registration numbers exceeding 2,999 or in order to eliminate precinct splits from redistricting, your local election commission is not required to pass a resolution affirming current precinct boundaries. The QVF will retain current precinct boundaries by default.

Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 or elections@michigan.gov.

The Bureau of Elections News Update will always be sent to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk email accounts. If other election administrators would like to receive this newsletter as well use the Subscribe link below to have it sent directly to another email account.

It is recommended that you add misos@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov and MISOS@public.govdelivery.com to your safe senders list.

Questions?
Contact Us

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:
Subscribe | Help

Powered by

GOVDELIVERY

Privacy Policy | Cookie Statement | Help