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- Apportionment and Elections-Chairman
- Congressional Redistricting-Chairman
- Legislative Reapportionment-Chairman
- Appropriations
- Judiciary A
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- Public Utilities
- State Library

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Joint Congressional Redistricting and
Legislative Reapportionment Committees
From: Chairman Jim Beckett
RE: Scheduled Meeting
Date: December 7, 2021

The Joint Congressional Redistricting and Legislative Reapportionment Committees will meet on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 216 (The Old Supreme Court Chamber) in the New Capitol Building.

For your convenience, the Agenda and Minutes of the November 19th meeting are included in the attachments. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Thank you.

JB/TB/gt

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Attachments

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**Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint
Congressional Redistricting Committee**

Agenda: December 15, 2021

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the minutes for the November 19, 2021, meeting
4. Consideration/adoption of a Congressional redistricting plan per the provisions of MISS.
CODE ANN. Section 5-3-121 et seq.
5. Other business
6. Adjournment

**Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint
Congressional Redistricting Committee**

Meeting of November 19, 2021

The Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee met at 10:01 a.m. on November 19, 2021, in Room 216 of the New Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi. The membership of the Committees is identical.

Present

Representative Jim Beckett
Representative Dan Eubanks
Representative Kevin Ford
Representative Vince Mangold
Representative Fred Shanks
Representative Jason White
Senator Dean Kirby
Senator Hob Bryan
Senator Dennis DeBar
Senator Josh Harkins*
Senator Briggs Hopson
Senator David Parker
Senator Derrick Simmons
Senator Jeff Tate
Senator Angela Turner Ford
Senator Brice Wiggins

Also Present:

(Hon.) Tommie Cardin
(Hon.) Parker Berry
Ben Collins

Absent

Representative Ed Blackmon
Representative Bo Brown
Representative John Read
Representative Cheikh Taylor

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Beckett recognized Senator Hopson for a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 30, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Shanks and adopted unanimously by the members present.

Chairman Beckett called upon Tommie Cardin of the Butler Snow law firm to explain the need for redistricting criteria to the Committees. Mr. Cardin also recommended criteria for both legislative and congressional redistricting, which are included as an attachment to these minutes.

After questions, Chairman Beckett called for a motion to adopt legislative redistricting criteria. The motion was offered by Representative White and seconded by Senator Parker. The members present unanimously adopted the recommended legislative redistricting criteria.

Chairman Beckett called for a motion to adopt the congressional redistricting criteria. The motion was offered by Senator Simmons and seconded by Representative Eubanks. The members present unanimously adopted the recommended congressional redistricting criteria.

With there being no further business to conduct, the Committees adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Representative Jim Beckett, Chair

Senator Dean Kirby, Vice-Chair

Senator Jeff Tate, Secretary

*Senator Harkins participated in the deliberations of the Committees via ZOOM.

Criteria for State Legislative Districts:

1. Each district's population should be less than 5% above or below the ideal population of the district.
2. Districts should be composed of contiguous territory.
3. The redistricting plan should comply with all applicable state and federal laws including Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and the Mississippi and United States Constitutions.

Criteria for Congressional Districts:

1. District population should be as equal as practicable.
2. Districts should be composed of contiguous territory.
3. The redistricting plan should comply with all applicable state and federal laws including Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and the Mississippi and United States Constitutions.
4. The Committee should consider the neutral redistricting factors employed by the Court in *Smith v. Hosemann*, 852 F. Supp. 2d 757 (S.D. Miss. 2011).

**Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint
Congressional Redistricting Committee**

Meeting of December 15, 2021

The Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee met at 10:03 a.m. on December 15, 2021, in Room 216 of the New Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi. The membership of the Committees is identical.

Present

Representative Jim Beckett
Representative Bo Brown
Representative Dan Eubanks
Representative Kevin Ford
Representative Vince Mangold
Representative Fred Shanks
Representative Jason White
Senator Dean Kirby
Senator Hob Bryan
Senator Dennis DeBar
Senator Josh Harkins
Senator Briggs Hopson
Senator David Parker
Representative John Read
Senator Derrick Simmons
Senator Jeff Tate
Senator Angela Turner Ford
Senator Brice Wiggins

Also Present:

(Hon.) Tommie Cardin
(Hon.) Parker Berry
Ben Collins

Absent

Representative Ed Blackmon
Representative Cheikh Taylor

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Beckett recognized Senator Hopson for a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Ford and adopted unanimously by the members present.

Chairman Beckett recognized Representative Jason White to present a plan for the redistricting of Mississippi's congressional districts.

Representative White noted that the plan, called Magnolia One, addressed the shifts in state population which have resulted in growth in Mississippi's First, Third, and Fourth congressional districts, and a loss of approximately 65,000 persons from the Second Congressional District. Representative White proceeded to discuss the plan in light of the criteria adopted at the November 19, 2021, meeting of the Joint Committee.

The plan comports with the One-Person, One-Vote rule requiring the congressional districts be as close to equal in population as is practicable. Additionally, it is in compliance with the requirement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In parts of Mississippi, it follows district boundaries drawn by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi in *Smith v. Hosemann* (SD, Miss, 2011), and is composed entirely of contiguous territory. The plan also splits only four counties as was the case with the court plan. The plan takes into consideration the additional criteria offered by the court in *Smith v. Hosemann*, and maintains the political balance in the current plan by adopting three districts which tend to support Republican candidates and one district which tends to support Democratic candidates.

Following the presentation and questions, Representative White made a motion that the Committee adopt the Magnolia One plan. Representative Shanks seconded the motion. Chairman Beckett called for a vote on the plan. A roll call was taken.

The following members present voted "Yes":

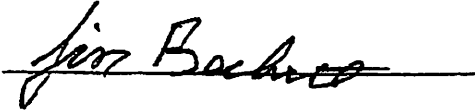
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Eubanks;
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Mangold;
Read;
Shanks;
White;
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Hopson;
Parker;
Tate; and,
Wiggins.

The following members present voted "No":

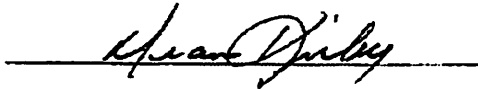
Brown;
Simmons; and,
Turner-Ford.

With at least six members from each house voting in favor of the Magnolia One plan, the plan was adopted.

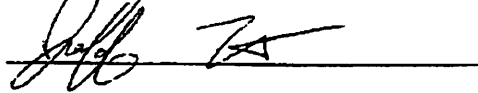
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Representative Jim Beckett, Chair

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Senator Dean Kirby, Vice-Chair

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Senator Jeff Tate, Secretary