

Resolution 01:21
A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD
REGARDING THE NEED TO REVISE DRAFT SENATE MAPS TO CONSOLIDATE
ALACHUA COUNTY INTO A SINGLE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, since 1920 the League of Women Voters at the local, state and national level has worked to improve our system of government and impact public policy through citizen education; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Florida is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major policy issues, and advocating for legislative changes and policies for the public good; and

WHEREAS, redistricting determines the composition of Florida and Congressional legislatures for the next decade and is, therefore, a critical decision affecting Florida residents; and

WHEREAS, the Fair District Amendments to the Florida Constitution, passed in 2010, prohibit districts drawn to favor a political party or an incumbent and requires districts be compact and, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the history of redistricting in Florida has been characterized by maps drawn to reflect partisan influenced outcomes causing lawsuits to be filed in 2012 which ultimately resulted in the Florida Supreme Court drawing the final voting districts; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is politically distinct from the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature committed that redistricting in 2022 “will remain open and transparent with numerous opportunities for public participation” and “will accept comments and suggestions gathered from the public in an interactive and inclusive redistricting process”; and

WHEREAS, Senate leadership reminded legislators that redistricting was a responsibility of governing and directed them to pass constitutionally compliant maps; and

WHEREAS, the process of redistricting for 2022 has not been open and transparent and has limited opportunities for public participation; and

WHEREAS, the draft senate maps released by the Senate Reapportionment Committee do not follow the requirements of the Florida Constitution because they partition Alachua County into two districts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY:

that the Florida Senate direct staff to draft a constitutionally compliant Florida Senate map that retains all of Alachua County in a single district.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Alachua County hereby consent to the adoption of the resolution by electronic vote concluded on November 29, 2021.

President, Lynn Frazier

November 30, 2021