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Making Democracy Work in SC: Senate Congressional Map Plan Released

The Senate has released their staff proposal for Congressional Districts, and will meet next Monday, November 29, at 10:30 AM, Room 308 of the Gressette Building. Their press release is attached. Their map is posted under Plan Proposals at <https://redistricting.scsenate.gov>.

We have uploaded the block file to Dave's Redistricting App at <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::5fed38de-3f6f-4a01-bca4-0354dfd1f509>. The map can be more easily examined and evaluated there. The map retains CD 6 as an opportunity district for minorities. However, it draws CD 1 (at present the only competitive Congressional district in the state) as strongly non-competitive and continues to group North Charleston and nearby areas with Columbia in CD 6 rather than with Charleston in CD 1. In contrast to the Senate plan for Senate districts, which moved in a positive direction toward greater preservation of communities of interest, the Congressional plan does not.

The analysis at DRA rates the proposal "very bad" on competitiveness and proportionality, "ok" rating on minorities, and "bad" on compactness and splitting. (DRA notes that their ratings on minority opportunity are not assurance that Voting Rights Act and Constitutional requirements are met.)

It is important to review the map and submit testimony to the Senate Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee by Monday if at all possible.

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SENATE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE POSTING STAFF CONGRESSIONAL PLAN

Columbia, S.C. - Today, the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee is posting the 2021 Staff Congressional Plan for review. The Staff Congressional Plan may be found on the Senate redistricting website (<https://redistricting.sccenate.gov>), under the PLAN PROPOSALS tab. In addition, the PLAN PROPOSALS page contains information about seven congressional plan proposals received by the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee.

On Monday, November 29, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 308 of the Gressette Building in Columbia, S.C., the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee will meet to receive testimony on the Staff Congressional Plan.

Interested persons may attend and/or speak either online or in person. To help the Subcommittee prepare for the public hearing, please notify Subcommittee staff by email at redistricting@sccenate.gov or phone at (803) 212-6634 if you would like to testify. Depending upon the number of requests received, the Subcommittee may restrict the time for each speaker and ask that those supporting a particular plan defer to a single or small number of speakers.

Please note that the information you provide the Subcommittee will become part of the public record.

The Subcommittee encourages all persons who wish to provide information to present it at the meeting or send it to the Subcommittee by mail at P.O. Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or by email at redistricting@sccenate.gov. Public input is a vital part of this process. The Subcommittee encourages people to remain involved as plans are being discussed and considered.