

December 23, 2021

Making Democracy Work in SC: "New" Congressional Plan from House

House Announcement:

The House Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee has announced a public hearing on Wednesday, December 29 at 10:00 am in Blatt Room 521 in Columbia and virtually. Links to the Congressional House Staff Plan Alternative 1, Congressional House Staff Plan, Congressional Senate Staff Plan, and public submissions are available on the Redistricting Website at: https://redistricting.schouse.gov/.

If you wish to provide testimony virtually, please email <u>virtualtestimony@schouse.gov</u> by 5:00 pm Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Additionally, written comments may be emailed to<u>Redistricting@schouse.gov</u> or mailed to: House Judiciary Committee (512 Blatt), Attn: Redistricting, P.O. Box 11867, Columbia, SC 2921.

The meeting will be recorded and a live stream will be available for viewing atwww.scstatehouse.gov.

This new House map is quite similar to the first proposal from the Senate, which is said to have been influenced by a national Republican redistricting group. The new House map splits both Charleston and Richland County. While it may be said to respond to those who testified in favor of keeping Beaufort County in CD 1, it more directly responds to those who wish not to have the naturally competitive area in and around Charleston County drawn as a district. It would make all South Carolina voters irrelevant in November elections.

Those who wish to compare Congressional maps can find them at Dave's Redistricting App (DRA) at:

- Current Map https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::90c19ba8-c50f-4824-a3c8-6d5ec3c1b271
- LWVSC Map https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::31392f99-cdd4-4ff9-ba77-d0a0e692a1dd
- Senate Draft 1 https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::5fed38de-3f6f-4a01-bca4-0354dfd1f509
- House Draft 1 https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::7d5faa6d-9847-4f8b-9529-e17d0167f0d8
- House Alt 1 https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::90c19ba8-c50f-4824-a3c8-6d5ec3c1b271

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