



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2022

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Office of Government Affairs

EXECUTIVE: T.C. Broadnax

SUBJECT

Consider adopting the recommended districting plan for the 14 City Council districts, approved by the Redistricting Commission on May 10, 2022, and filed with Mayor Eric Johnson on May 16, 2022, including consideration of proposed modifications or changes (posted at www.dallasredistricting.com) to be implemented at the next general election of the City Council conducted on May 6, 2023 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Mandated by the Dallas City Charter, the 2021 City Council Districting Plan is the culmination of the redistricting process or the redrawing of City Council district lines from which Council Members are elected. Redistricting usually takes place every 10 years after the Census releases its data.

In January 2021, the Dallas City Council began appointing the members of the Redistricting Commission. The Census data for the City of Dallas was released on August 12, 2021. The Redistricting Commission met from September 2021 to May 2022 in 31 open sessions, including eight public hearings and one public forum, to develop a proposed districting plan for the boundaries of the 14 single member districts comprising the City Council. Upon completion of its work, the Redistricting Commission filed its recommended districting plan with the Mayor for presentation to the City Council.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Dallas City Council:

- January 6, 2021 - The Office of Government Affairs briefed the City Council and provided an overview on the redistricting process and offered an update on the 2020 Census data.
- June 23, 2021 - The City Council approved a contract with a third-party consultant to oversee the redistricting process.
- October 20, 2021 - The Office of Government Affairs briefed the City Council and provided an overview on the redistricting process and offered an update on the City's 2020 population data

from the Census.

- May 18, 2022 - The Office of Government Affairs and the Chair of the Redistricting Commission briefed the City Council and presented the Redistricting Commission's recommended districting plan.

Redistricting Commission:

- Redistricting Guidelines were unanimously approved by the Redistricting Commission on November 22, 2021.
- The Redistricting Commission met from September 2021 to May 2022 in 31 open sessions.
- The recommended districting plan, COD-041-B-FINAL, was adopted by the Redistricting Commission by a 9 to 6 vote and approved to send to the Mayor, as required by the City Charter, by a vote of 10 to 5 on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.