

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA APPROVING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTING THAT THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE APPROVED REDISTRICTING PLAN

WHEREAS, every ten years based on the federal census data, district boundaries for elected offices are redrawn as necessary to ensure equal representation of a jurisdictional population;

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County GIS Department has analyzed the 2020 census data for Dekalb County and created options for new district maps that provide a more equal distribution of the population than the current maps for the Commission districts;

WHEREAS, in 2019 the General Assembly passed O.C.G.A. § 28-1-14.1, which requires the General Assembly’s Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office (the “LCRO”) to review and approve a proposed redistricting plan for a county board of commissioners prior to the adoption of the plan by the Board of Commissioners and prior to the introduction of the local legislation to implement the new plan;

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved maps as prepared by the DeKalb County for submission and preliminary review by the LCRO;

WHEREAS, the LCRO conducted the technical review of the maps prepared by the DeKalb County GIS Department, and proposed revisions consistent with traditional principles for redistricting;

WHEREAS, the LCRO’s proposed revisions to the maps prepared by the DeKalb County GIS Department were received by the County on January 27, 2022 at 2:55 pm;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has evaluated the revised maps prepared by the LCRO and determined that the maps attached hereto satisfy legal requirements and traditional principles for redistricting and would best serve the interests of the people of DeKalb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The Governing Authority of DeKalb County hereby approves the redistricting plan as reviewed and revised by the State Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office and as reflected in the attached Exhibit A (for DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Districts 1-5) and Exhibit B (for DeKalb County Board Commissioners Districts 6-7), consistent with the number of districts set out in the DeKalb County Organizational Act. *See* Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304, §

1; Ga. L. 1982, p. 4235, § 1; Ga. L. 1992, H.B. 1577, § 1; Ga. L. 1992, p. 6566, § 1; Ga. L. 2002, p. 3544, § 1; Ga. L. 2012, p. 4610, §§ 1, 7 (Codified as § 2 of the DeKalb County Organizational Act).

(2) The Governing Authority of DeKalb County hereby requests that the DeKalb County Delegation to the General Assembly draft and introduce during the 2022 regular session of the Georgia General Assembly local legislation implementing such redistricting plan for passage by the Georgia General Assembly and signing by the Governor.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ___ day of _____, 2022.

ROBERT J. PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ___ day of _____, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA NORWOOD-SANDERS, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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