2021 County Redistricting

January 19, 2021
Redistricting

• Redraws lines for local election districts and precincts, and establishes polling places
• Occurs every 10 years following the U.S. Census in the year ending in one
  ❖ Code of Virginia
• VA Redistricting Commission is responsible for redistricting the state:
  ❖ Congressional Districts (1st, 10th, 11th)
  ❖ Senate Districts (13th, 28th, 29th, 36th, 39th)
  ❖ House Districts (2nd, 13th, 31st, 40th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 87th)
• BOCS is responsible for redistricting the county:
  ❖ Election Districts and Precincts
    ❖ Precincts must have more than 100 and less than 5k registered votes
    ❖ Precincts must be wholly contained within a single election district (congressional, state Senate, House of Delegates and local)
    ❖ Must be one polling place per precinct
Redistricting Criteria

- Election district populations shall be “as nearly equal as practicable”
- Election district populations shall not exceed five percent less or five percent more than the ideal district population.
- Election districts shall not be drawn so as to lead to a retrogression in the position of racial minorities with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise, as mandated by the Voting Rights Act.
- Election districts shall be compact and contiguous, with due regard to natural features and accessibility of voting places.
- Election district boundaries shall follow clearly observable boundaries.
- Election districts shall avoid splitting precincts, to the maximum extent possible.*
- Election district boundaries shall be politically fair.
- Election district boundaries shall preserve communities of interest, to the maximum extent possible.
- Election district boundaries shall recognize incumbency, to the maximum extent permissible under law and consistent with the other criteria.
Redistricting Process

1. Receive Census Data
2. Analyze Data
3. Receive maps from state
   - Run scenarios, create maps and precincts
   - Discussion w/Board Members
   - Public Input
4. Adjust maps as necessary
5. Human Rights Commission Reviews
6. BOCS Adopts
Timeline Milestones

- **March 31, 2021**: County receives Census data
- **April 23, 2021**: Established deadline for state to complete maps
- **June 15, 2021**: If congressional or state districts have not been adopted, then the county can use the districts as they exist on June 15
- **December 2021**: BOCS must adopt redistricting measures by ordinance

**What will occur during process:**
- GIS examines and tests software options; software to be chosen
- Board adopts redistricting criteria
- Staff analyzes date, runs scenarios, creates maps and precincts
- Opportunities for public input (to include a public hearing)
- Changes made to maps and precincts, as necessary
- Human Rights Commission reviews final plan for approval before BOCS adoption
## Redistricting 2011

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<th>Population 2010 - Prior to Redistricting</th>
<th>% Deviation from Mean Prior to Redistricting</th>
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Sources: 2010 Census; GIS Division
## Redistricting 2020 Estimates of Current Population & Deviations

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Sources: 2010 Census and 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; GIS Division
Next Steps

• Possible project lead:
  o BOCS
  o County Staff
  o Independent Contractor

• BOCS adopts redistricting criteria
• Wait for data!
• Keep BOCS and public informed throughout process
Questions?