



**PRINCE WILLIAM**  
COUNTY

# 2021 County Redistricting Update

March 2, 2021



# Proposed Redistricting Criteria



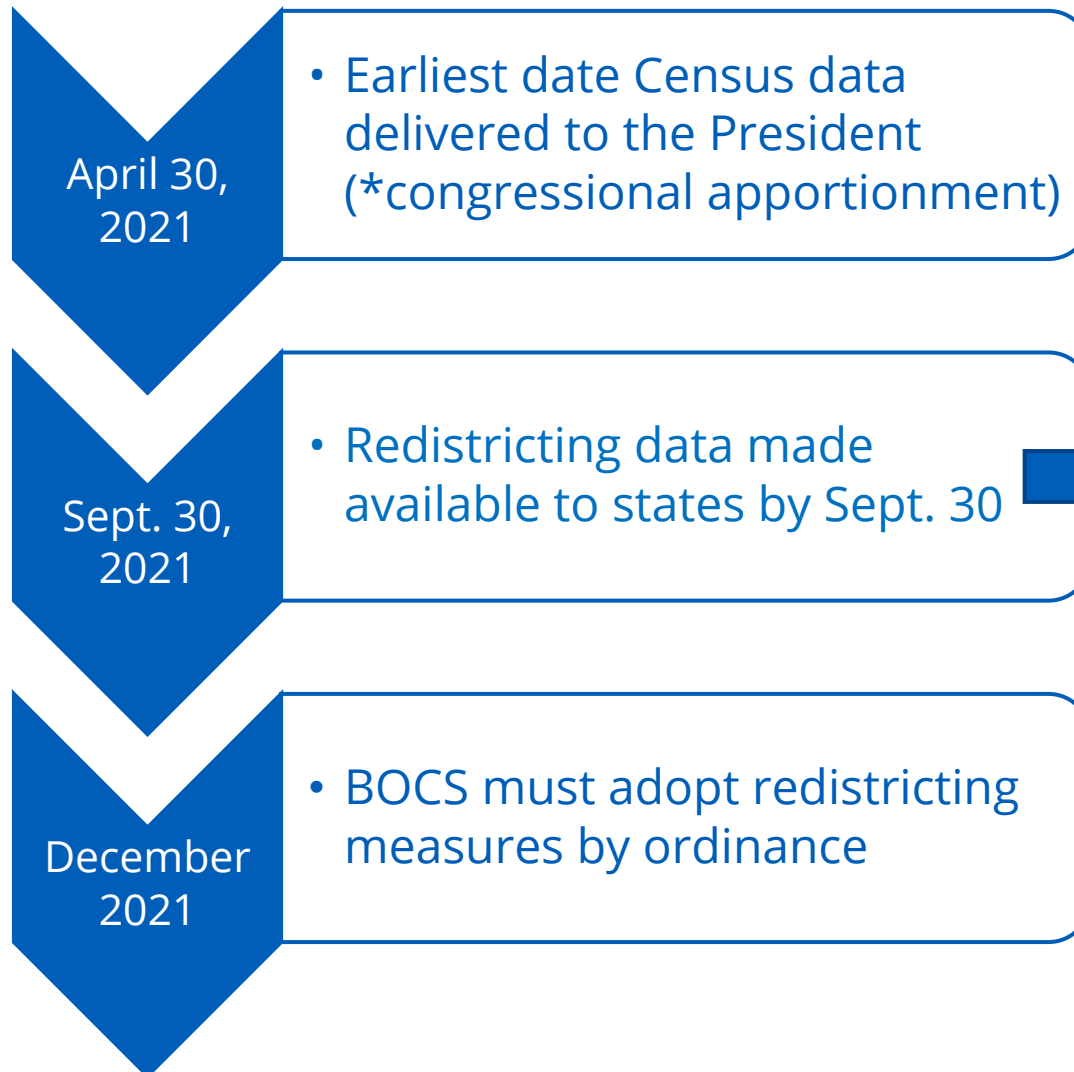
- Election districts shall be **“as nearly equal in population as practicable.”**
- Election **district populations shall not exceed five percent less or five percent more than the ideal district population.**
- Election districts shall **be drawn in a way that assures equal opportunities for racial and ethnic communities to participate in the political process and shall not diminish their right to elect candidates of their choice**, 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.**

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- Election districts shall **avoid splitting precincts**, as precincts must be wholly contained within single congressional, state and local election districts.
- Election district boundaries shall **preserve communities of interest**, to the maximum extent possible. A community of interest means a neighborhood or any geographically defined group of people living in an area who share similar social, cultural and economic interests.
- Election district boundaries shall **recognize incumbency of both the Board of County Supervisors and School Board**, to the maximum extent permissible under law and consistent with the other criteria, so that existing incumbent office holders remain in separate districts.
- Election district boundaries shall **maintain existing boundary lines**, where possible, if existing locations can be reasonably accommodated.

# Timeline Milestones



*\*Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states based on the apportionment population counts from the decennial census*

- Division of Legislative Services - 30 days to adjust data for prison populations
- VA Redistricting Commission - no later than 45 days to submit plan for state districts and no later than 60 days to submit plan for congressional districts to General Assembly

# Next Steps



- BOCS Decision Points:
  - Adopt Criteria
  - Independent Contractor
  - 8<sup>th</sup> District
- Wait for data!
- Keep BOCS and public informed throughout process

Questions?

