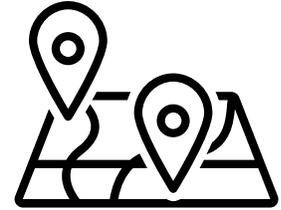




WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

Redistricting is the redrawing of congressional, state, and local district boundaries to adjust for uneven population growth rates in different parts of the state. Districts divide states and the people who reside there into geographical territories. Districts determine which voters participate in which elections.



At a state level, the Florida Legislature redraws congressional and state legislative districts from which Florida voters select their state representatives, state senators, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

At a local level, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the redrawing of the boundaries of Lee County's five at-large commission districts to ensure the population sizes are evenly distributed.

WHEN IS REDISTRICTING?

Redistricting occurs every ten years following the completion of the U.S. Census.

The boundaries for voting districts for state and congressional seats must be redrawn and approved in time for the August 23, 2022, Primary Election and the November 8, 2022, General Election.

WHAT IS REAPPORTIONMENT?

Reapportionment is the redistribution of seats in the United States House of Representatives among the 50 states, based on the decennial census. Each state gets at least one seat. Due to an increase in population from the last decade, Florida will add a 28th seat.

LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS' ROLE IN REDISTRICTING

Redistricting of congressional, state, and local boundaries may affect the precinct in which voters reside. Lee Elections uses the new and verified district boundaries provided by the State and County government to modify precinct lines and meet redistricting requirements.

Our Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping Specialist begins the process by verifying street names and ranges to ensure that voters are placed in their proper districts.

Our GIS Specialist, Precinct Coordinator, and Election Center staff use the new boundaries to examine how they affect our precincts and precinct splits. This process includes checking the size of all precincts to ensure they are not overpopulated and reevaluating precinct lines to ensure they are in the correct state and congressional districts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 mandates that electoral district lines cannot be drawn in such a manner as to "improperly dilute minorities' voting power."

"No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color."