

## RESOLUTION

### 2011 REDISTRICTING STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

#### AND PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors feels it would be appropriate to express its position on the adoption of standards and criteria to evaluate redistricting plans and adopt procedural guidelines to be followed for submittals of redistricting plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby adopts the standards and criteria to evaluate redistricting plans and adopts the following guidelines for submittal of such plans:

#### Standards and Criteria

Basic standards and factors important to the Board should be clearly stated. These standards and factors should be used to evaluate each redistricting plan considered. The following are suggested:

All the criteria are stated by Federal, State, or the County's Charter.

1. Five election districts shall be maintained. (James City County Charter)
2. Each election district shall be as nearly of equal population as practicable. The deviation from district to district shall be less than five percent (plus or minus five percent deviation). (VA Code Section 24.2-304.1B)
3. Each election district and each precinct shall be composed as nearly as practicable of compact and contiguous territory. (VA Code Section 24.2-304.1B)
4. Each election district and precinct shall have clearly defined and clearly observable boundaries. Historic lines which appear as a block boundary in the United States Bureau of the Census map for the 2000 Census may be considered as an appropriate boundary. (VA Code Section 24.2-305)
5. The redistricting shall not dilute the voting opportunities of any racial or language minority group. Voting Rights Act Section 2
6. Known communities of interest shall not be divided into separate election districts if reasonably possible. (See Guide to Local Redistricting for 2011, Page 32)

#### Procedure for Submittal and Review of Plans

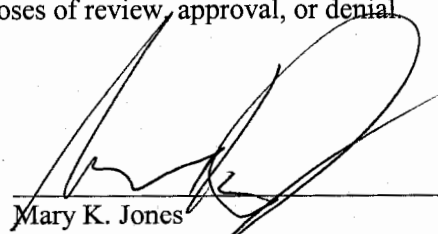
The Department of Justice has requested that the preclearance submittal include:

- (a) All plans submitted to the Board of Supervisors;

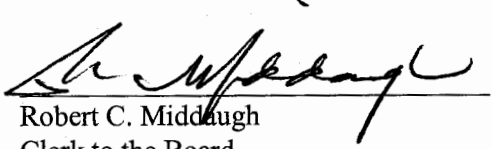
- (b) All plans considered by the Board of Supervisors;
- (c) The action taken by the Board of Supervisors on each plan specifying the reason for rejecting or approving the plans; and
- (d) Transcripts or minutes of all meetings considering the plans.

To meet this submittal objective, we recommend:

- 1) All plans shall be submitted to the County Administrator.
- 2) Each plan shall consider and include the entire County.
- 3) The County Administrator shall assign a number to each plan for purposes of record keeping.
- 4) Any plans initiated by Board members shall be prepared with staff assistance so that they can be drawn on appropriate maps.
- 5) A clear deadline for the submittal of plans should be established to allow the Board reasonable time to consider plans in advance of the deadline for adoption.
- 6) Each plan received by the County Administrator for Board consideration shall be available for public inspection.
- 7) The Board shall consider each plan submitted for consideration.
- 8) The Board, at a public meeting, may adjust, amend, or modify any plan before it or create a new plan. Such plan shall be assigned a number and shall be considered by the Board as a separate plan for purposes of review, approval, or denial.

  
Mary K. Jones  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Robert C. Middaugh  
Clerk to the Board

SUPERVISOR	VOTE
KENNEDY	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
MCGLENNON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
JONES	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 22nd day of March, 2011.