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Volusia County Redistricting

Following the federal decennial census, all federal, state, and local election district boundaries must be redrawn or revised based on the new census data. The redrawing of the districts is directed to two areas in the state of Florida.

Area one: The State Legislature

The state legislature is tasked to redraw both the house and senate districts. The Florida Constitution requires the legislature to divide the state into 30 to 40 contiguous senatorial districts and 80 to 120 adjacent house districts. The constitution states that the legislature must create these maps in its regular session in the second year following each decennial census. Outside of the state house of representatives and senate's new districts, the Florida legislature is also responsible for redistricting the congressional maps for the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 2020, Florida increased its population from 18,801,310 to 21,538,187, adding a congressional seat which brings the total of congressional seats to 28.

The 2022 regular legislative session will start on January 11th, 2022.

Area Two: Volusia County

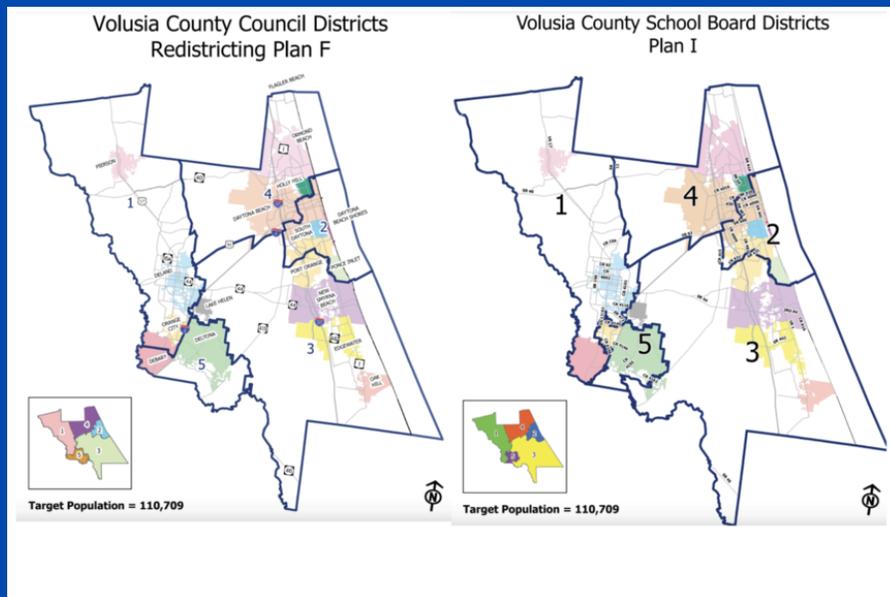
The Volusia County council and school board are tasked to create maps that cover their respected areas. The county council and school boards do not need to have maps that match, but Volusia County's Supervisor Lisa Lewis made the case that both the school board and county adopt a single map to save money during the elections.

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Supervisor Lewis stated "We have a chance to come together within our county. It's going to take compromising. No one map is the best. I think that we can blend some together. You won't make everybody happy... but I hope that we can come together with this. Lake Helen has nine splits, so when you have a primary election, that's 27 possible ballot styles, Precinct 602 (on the southwest edge of Daytona Beach) has 13 splits. That's a possibility of 39 ballots for one precinct that we would have to print.", she noted. Volusia County added around 57,000 new residents since the last census increasing the population to 553,542, each district should have closed to 110,709 citizens in it.

The council and school board handpicked maps "F" and "I" for staff to edit, in hopes of finding solutions that everyone can agree upon:



- Plan F: This map was drawn up to resemble existing county council districts, and each member of the council has voiced their support. It leaves districts 4 and 5 untouched, places Lake Helen into District 3, and moves more of Port Orange into District 2. The only split municipalities are Daytona Beach, Port Orange, and DeBary.
- Plan I: This plan was drawn to adhere to school board objectives. It works all of DeBary into District 1, which would require moving Orange City into District 5. Deltona, Daytona Beach, and Port Orange are the only municipalities split.

The deadline to finalize the new districts is December 31, 2021.

The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce is following the redistricting process and will update our members when finalize.