

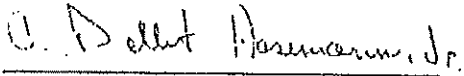
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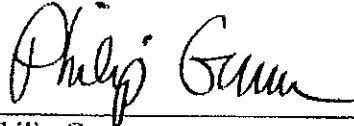
To Whom It May Concern,

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §5-3-91 and §5-3-121, we the undersigned hereby call a meeting of the Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee to be held on June 30, 2021 at 3:30pm in Room 216 of the New Capitol Building.

Signed,



Delbert C. Hosemann, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor



Philip Gunn,
Speaker of the House

Meeting Agenda
Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint
Congressional Redistricting Committee
June 30, 2021

1. Election of a chair
2. Election of a vice-chair
3. Election of a secretary from the Senate
4. Introduction of staff
5. Selection of counsel
6. Access policy
7. Appointment of sub-committees
8. Discussion of public hearing schedule
9. Other business
10. Adjourn

Public Access Policy
Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and the Standing Joint
Congressional Redistricting Committee
June 30, 2021

Pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. Sections 5-3-91 et seq. (1972) and Sections 5-3-121 et seq. (1972), the Joint Committees shall draw plans to redistrict congressional districts and state legislative districts. The Joint Committees have adopted the following procedures to afford all interested parties' reasonable access to public information.

A. General Public Access

1. Members of the general public may obtain public documents from the Joint Committees by submitting a written request to: James F. Booth, Staff Counsel, Mississippi Standing Joint Committee on Reapportionment, P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, MS 39215-1204
2. The Joint Committees may charge any member of the general public who submits a written request the cost of retrieving and copying the requested documents.
3. Public access for the Joint Committees' computer system for Congressional Redistricting may be booked one month after the receipt of the final PL-94-171 data from the United States Census Bureau. Public access availability shall be for a period of three weeks. Public access for Legislative redistricting shall commence one month after the final PL-94-171 data is made available to the state or January 1, 2022, whichever occurs later. Public access shall be available for one month thereafter. Members of the public wishing to use the Committees' computer system must be accompanied by a legislative staff member or contractor at all times who shall serve as an operator of the system. Persons seeking access to the computer system must call at least 24 hours in advance of the time when access is sought. Appointments will be made in three-hour blocks, and be arranged by contacting James F. Booth at 601-359-1226. Extensions may be arranged by the staff if time is available.
4. All public information will be made available on the Committees' website, msjrc.state.ms.us, or by contacting James F. Booth, at 601-359-1226.
5. Any citizen may submit written comments to the Joint Committees by sending them to ted.booth@peer.ms.gov, or by mailing them to James F. Booth, P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, MS 39215-1204

B. Documents Produced by the Public

1. Any citizen of the State of Mississippi may present a proposed plan to the Joint Committees at a public meeting or by submission in writing to the Joint Committee, P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, MS 39215-1204. All plans submitted by citizens shall be made part of the public record and made available in the same manner as other public documents of the Joint Committees.
2. Any proposed redistricting plan drafted for introduction may only be offered by a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or the Mississippi Senate.
3. Any plan developed by anyone outside of the Legislature shall be:
 - depicted on a map or maps which follow 2020 census geographic boundaries;
 - accompanied by a statistical sheet listing population breakdown for each district and the census geography within such district;
 - identified as a complete statewide plan for redistricting or, if a partial plan, be capable of fitting into a plan which is to be modified; and,
 - in accordance with any other guidelines developed by the Joint Committees.
4. Any citizen may submit a proposed redistricting plan electronically to the Joint Committees by making such a plan an attachment to an email directed to

ted.booth@peer.ms.gov, or by providing a CD-ROM to James F. Booth, P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, MS 39215-1204. Any plans submitted electronically must be accompanied by paper materials meeting the requirements set out in Section B, paragraph 3.

C. Documents Produced by Legislators, Staff, and Contractors

1. Any redistricting plan or portion thereof or work product developed by, or at the request of, any member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or the Mississippi Senate, or the staff of the legislature or its contractors, shall be confidential, and shall not be released except without written permission of the member subject to the following paragraph.
2. Any proposed redistricting plan will become public information upon its presentation to the Joint Committees or upon its introduction as a bill in the legislative process.
3. All members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate shall be allowed access to the Joint Committees computer system upon request to the staff. The Joint Committees shall make every effort to provide technical assistance to all members upon request subject to availability.
4. Any documents, files, electronic mail, or other communications in possession of the staff, its contractors, or members of the Joint Committees generated in the course and scope of carrying out redistricting activities shall be deemed confidential and not subject to public records release unless made public by this policy or by the Chair of the Joint Committees.

D. Committee Meetings and Public Hearings

1. All meetings of the Joint Committees shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act, (MISS. CODE ANN. Section 25-41-1 et seq.). Copies of minutes of all public meetings shall be available to the public upon their approval by the Joint Committee.
2. All public hearings shall be open to the public and written transcripts of all public hearings shall be made available to the public.