



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 22-214, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 3/23/2022

TITLE:

An Ordinance to Revise Local Magisterial District and Precinct Boundaries

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Adoption of an Ordinance to revise local magisterial district and precinct boundaries

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Bessette, Washburne

PRESENTER (S): Greg Kamptner

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Federal and state law require that Virginia localities adjust their magisterial districts and voting precinct boundaries every 10 years in order to provide for relatively equivalent population distribution among magisterial districts and to eliminate or minimize to the greatest extent possible the existence of split voting precincts. Virginia Code §24.2-129(B) requires that, as a part of the local redistricting process, the local governing body provide notice to the general public, an opportunity for public comment regarding proposed redistricting plans, and conduct a public hearing regarding the same.

Having adopted a redistricting timeline in accordance with Virginia Code §24.2-129(B), the Board publicly posted 3 proposed alternative redistricting plans (Map Option 1, Map Option 2, and Map Option 3) and launched the public comment period on February 2, and held a public hearing on the matter on March 2. At the conclusion of the March 2 Public Hearing, the Board unanimously endorsed Map Option 1 as the County's local decennial redistricting plan, and, in accordance with the previously adopted redistricting schedule, set the date for final vote on adoption of that plan for March 23. At the Board's March 16 meeting, the Board asked to bring back Map Options 2 and 3 for discussion and consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mission - To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all community members through the provision of the of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

DISCUSSION: Map Option 1 (Attachment A) and the proposed Option 1 Ordinance (Attachment B), which describes the revised local magisterial district and precinct boundaries for Option 1, Map Option 2 (Attachment C) and the proposed Option 2 Ordinance (Attachment D), which describes the revised local magisterial district and precinct boundaries for Option 2, and Map Option 3 (Attachment E) and the proposed Option 3 Ordinance (Attachment F), which describes the revised local magisterial district and precinct boundaries for Option 3, are attached for the Board's consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT: Adoption of the Option 1, Option 2, or Option 3 Ordinance is anticipated to have a limited

budget impact. Partial funding to cover the cost of mailing notices to Albemarle County voters advising them of their new voting information is included in the Registrar's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, but may require additional funding. Should additional funding be required, staff will prepare a supplemental appropriation request using the Reserve for Contingencies as the funding source.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Option 1 Ordinance (Attachment B), the Option 2 Ordinance (Attachment D), or the Option 3 Ordinance (Attachment F), and the corresponding maps.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Redistricting Map Option 1
- B - Proposed Ordinance reflecting revised boundaries shown in Map Option 1
- C - Redistricting Map Option 2
- D - Proposed Ordinance reflecting revised boundaries shown in Map Option 2
- E - Redistricting Map Option 3
- F - Proposed Ordinance reflecting revised boundaries shown in Map Option 3