



Please Provide Completed Form To:

House Select Committee on Redistricting
selectcommitteeonredistricting@myfloridahouse.gov
Mail to: Select Committee on Redistricting
418 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Florida Congressional Redistricting Suggestion Form

By submitting this form, I acknowledge that my comments and suggestions may be displayed on www.floridaredistricting.org or other public websites maintained by the Florida Legislature.

Note: the entirety of this form is a public record.

*Field is required.

Prefix _____ *First Name Michael *Last Name Danish Suffix _____

Organization Name (If applicable) _____

*Your Address 18048 Arbor Crest Drive *City Tampa *State Fl *Zip 33647

Your County Hillsborough Your Email michaeljdanish@gmail.com

*May we follow up with you if we have questions about your suggestion? NOTE: In accordance with the Florida Supreme Court’s ruling regarding political intent, answering NO may prevent your suggestion from be considered by the House.

Yes No

*Are you a part of any political groups or organizations that have an interest in redistricting?

Yes No

*If Yes, Please list them below:

*If you are submitting a comment, is your suggestion solely your own?

Yes No

*If you are submitting a drawn map, was the map drawn solely by you?

Yes No

*If you answered NO to either of the previous two questions, Please list the name of every person you collaborated with on your suggestion or map:

Please provide detailed comments regarding your suggestion, including why you feel your suggestion is a lawful change to the Florida Congressional District Map. Comments should be able to provide a non-partisan and incumbent-neutral justification for the proposed configuration of each district and how the proposal satisfies all of the constitutional and statutory criteria applicable to a Congressional redistricting plan.

Please use the map below to demonstrate what your comments reflect. (Optional)



State of Florida

My map was designed using the guidelines set forth in the Florida Supreme Court ruling. I also strived to keep communities of interest together, and I avoided county splits wherever possible. Districts 1, 8, 16, 18, 19, and 24 remain unchanged. District 5 becomes an east-west district that stretched from Jacksonville to Tallahassee along the Florida-Georgia state line. The new district 5 has a BVAP of 45.15%, and it also has fewer county splits compared to its old configuration. This closely mirrors the guidelines from the court ruling. District 2 loses most of Leon County and all of Gadsden County. District 2 moves east to take in Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Union Counties. District 2 also now contains parts of Alachua and Columbia counties. District 4 is similar to its previous form, but it loses significant parts of Duval County and takes in most of the population in Clay County.

District 3 is forced south because of the eastward expansion of district 2. In order to avoid county splits, district 3 takes in all of Marion, Citrus, and Levy Counties. It also includes most of Alachua County. District 6 is shifted north due to changes in Orlando. District 6 now contains parts of Lake, Clay, and Volusia Counties. It also contains all of Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Bradford Counties.

In Orlando, the map is forced to change dramatically now that district 5 no longer enters Orange County. District 10 is condensed to a district entirely within the Orange County. This new district 10 is less than 50% white (total population), and minority voters should have significant influence over the district. District 9 includes all of Osceola County and parts of Orange and Polk. It is currently not possible to draw a Hispanic majority district in the Orlando area; however, this is the closest thing to it without splitting Osceola County. This new district 9 is 41.95% Hispanic VAP and only 41.88% White VAP. District 7 is forced to shift north into Volusia County, while still containing some of Orange County and all of Seminole County.

In Tampa, the court ruling was very clear on what the map should look like. District 13 must move south to take in all of St. Pete, and district 14 should be contained entirely within Hillsborough County. District 14 now includes the entire city of Tampa, and it remains about 48% white VAP. Naturally, this forces district 12 to move further south into Pinellas County. Therefore, it was necessary for district 12 to lose some of Pasco County to district 11. District 11 now includes most of Lake and Hernando Counties, and it includes all of Sumter County. District 15 now includes most of Polk and northeast Hillsborough. District 17 is very similar to its previous configuration, but it includes different parts of Polk and Hillsborough Counties.

In South Florida, the court mandated that Hendry County not be split. I moved the remainder of Hendry County into district 25. District 20 was then forced to take in a few more precincts from Palm Beach County, which did not affect the demographics of either district significantly. Districts 20 and 21 are changed from coastal and inland seats to a north-south configuration. Although the court did not explicitly recommend this change, it was implied that this would be preferred. Since the legislature would have to justify maintaining the original configuration of districts 21 and 22, it was easier to simply change this portion of the map. In Miami, I moved the entire city of Homestead and some of the surrounding precincts into district 26. In order to equalize population, district 27 now includes some more precincts to the west. These changes make district 27 more compact.

This map satisfies all of the requirements set forth in the Florida Supreme Court ruling and Fair Districts Amendments, while also adhering to the standards of the Voting Rights Act. It resolves the problems with the districts that were unconstitutional, while also making them more compact.