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**Florida State Senate 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.

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*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 being considered by the Florida House of Representatives.* Yes No

*Are you a part of any groups or organizations that have 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 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 submitted map below:

Please provide detailed comments regarding your suggestion, including why you feel your suggestion is a lawful change to the Florida State Senate 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 State Senate redistricting plan.

See attached letter.

Dear Legislators and Legislative Staff,

I am a recent FSU graduate and Tallahassee resident who has been following the redistricting process. I have drawn the enclosed map for your consideration. I began with the base maps drawn by staff, and adjusted with the primary goal of keeping more counties whole. I believe it is an improvement on all of the base maps drawn by staff. The only software I used was My District Builder, and I only used total population data and the black voting age population information (since the only minority-access districts I changed from the base maps were the Orlando and Fort Lauderdale districts). Here are some features of this map:

- 13 counties are split and 54 are kept whole -- better than any of the base maps
- Only 2 counties whose population is less than the ideal for a district are split -- Okaloosa and Manatee
- Overall, there are fewer county splits (portions of districts in counties) than any of the base maps
- Most the districts come from the base maps: 2, 4, 9, 6, 10, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 are all copied straight from a base map
- 11, 12, and 13 (Orlando) are based off of 9076 but modified for population equality
- 26 (Manatee-Hillsborough) is a combination of 9070 (south boundary) and 9072 (north boundary)
- 15 (Polk) is based off of 9072 (southern boundary) but fills in the most of north Polk County for population equality
- 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 34 (Palm Beach-Broward) are based off of 9070, 9072, and 9078 but adjusted for compactness and to follow boundaries like the turnpike and railroads
- I drew 3 to be made up of whole counties, to have an acceptable population deviation, and to allow for other whole counties further east (that is why it may appear less compact than in the base maps with Jackson -- but still quite compact and totally made up of whole counties. You could swap Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, and Franklin counties between 1 and 3, giving 3 a deviation of -10,424. If you changed a couple other districts with high positive deviations (8 and 33), you could still have a overall range of 4% without putting 3 in Jackson.)
- 1 has a base map boundary on its west and conforms with 3 to its west, along a county-boundaries line
- 7 is based off of 9070 but loses Dixie and is still made up of whole counties
- I drew 18 to be made up of whole counties
- 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, and 21 fill up what you call a "sandbox" -- they allow for more counties to be kept whole
- All the districts are quite compact
- All the districts conform to the +/- 2% deviation guideline established by the Legislature (the range is - 1.8% to 1.9%)
- Since this map maintains some of the sandboxes in the base maps, it allows for alternative configurations to be swapped in if desired, without changing the superior county split situation
- From a communities-of-interest perspective, this map is quite good at keeping common areas together (e.g. Nature Coast in 18, south/west Orlando collar counties in 14, small-town and rural inland areas in 5, Jacksonville collar counties in 6, Space Coast in 16, east Orlando in 13, south/western Orlando suburbs in 11) -- all without violating the constitutional criteria of compactness, respecting boundaries, etc.
- Since minority districts are copied directly from base maps or tweaked slightly without decreasing minority voting age population, there are no more minority protection issues in this map than in the base maps
- I drew this map without regard for incumbents, political effects, partisan makeup, or elections data. I have no knowledge of the political performance of this map. I did not draw it with partisan intent. I didn't record myself drawing it but I didn't say anything while doing so, so those recordings would have been even less interesting than yours.
- The numbers correspond to what current districts this map most closely aligns with, but could be renumbered however you like

I hope you will give this map consideration. Thank you, and good luck with the special session.

Sincerely,
Phoebe Dowling