



How Can Floridians Participate in Redistricting?

REAPPORTIONMENT

According to the 2010 Census, 18.8 million people reside in Florida, apportioning 27 seats in Congress to Florida.

REPRESENTATION

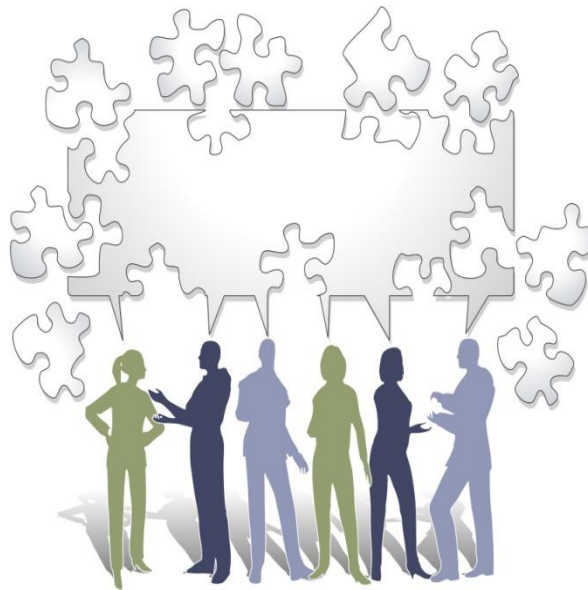
Those 18.8 million people must have equal representation, "one-person, one-vote," at all levels of government.

REDISTRICTING

Every ten years, the redrawing of Florida's congressional and state legislative districts provides for equal representation.

RESULTS

Florida's 120 State House districts, 40 State Senate districts and 27 congressional districts must be finalized before qualifying for the 2012 Elections.



- ✓ Take part in the Legislature's public meetings on redistricting, throughout Florida, beginning summer 2011.
- ✓ Use MyDistrictBuilder to submit ideas for new state legislative and congressional districts.
- ✓ Learn about and follow redistricting at www.floridaredistricting.org.
- ✓ Follow @FLRedistricting on Twitter and MyDistrictBuilder on Facebook.
- ✓ Share ideas with your State Representative and State Senator.

Every ten years, Florida redistricts, reshaping the political boundary lines of every state legislative and congressional district in the State. Those lines can fundamentally change a community's portrait of representation at all levels of government.



In 2011-2012, the Florida House of Representatives is giving you an unprecedented ability to participate in the upcoming redistricting process. The House's MyDistrictBuilder online redistricting application will be the tool that the Public and Legislators alike will use to propose new districts. The Florida Legislature will also host dozens of public meetings throughout the State to take citizen testimony on the needs of Florida's many diverse communities.

In addition, MyDistrictBuilder, www.floridaredistricting.org, and additional open government efforts by the Legislature will enable Floridians to collaborate with other interested Floridians, monitor the progress of redistricting, and suggest improvements as the districts develop.



Public Participation

Florida House of Representatives Redistricting Committee www.floridaredistricting.org



Start the Conversation and Start Sharing Your Ideas

APRIL 1, 2010

Census Day

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Publicly launch "alpha"
MyDistrictBuilder

DECEMBER 21, 2010

Apportionment of
congressional seats

MARCH 17, 2011

Florida received 2010
Census data from U.S.
Census Bureau

MARCH 25, 2011

2010 Census data
added into "beta"
MyDistrictBuilder

JUNE – SEPT, 2011

Florida Legislature will
host statewide public
meetings on redistricting

JAN 10 – MAR 9, 2012

Legislature officially
approves new district
plans in 2012 Session

JUNE 4 – 8, 2012

Qualifying for candidates
for state and federal
elections in Florida



Step #1

Contact the Redistricting Committee at mydistrictbuilder@myfloridahouse.gov, and request to be added to the redistricting email list.

Step #2

Bookmark www.floridaredistricting.org for redistricting news and resources. Floridians will be able to use www.floridaredistricting.org, social media and MyDistrictBuilder to compare their ideas with those shared by other Floridians.

Step #3

Share your ideas and join in the two-way conversation on redistricting by following MyDistrictBuilder on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FLRedistricting) and @FLRedistricting (MyDistrictBuilder) on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/FLRedistricting).

Step #4

Access MyDistrictBuilder – via the banner link at www.floridaredistricting.org – to build new state legislative and congressional districts for Florida. While the finishing touches are being added to MyDistrictBuilder, the application already includes data from the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey and all the essential tools you will need.

Step #5

Get your community ready to participate in Florida's redistricting process by:

- ✓ Including information about www.floridaredistricting.org and MyDistrictBuilder on community websites, in newsletters and in other publications.
- ✓ Inviting others to use MyDistrictBuilder.
- ✓ Forming a team of district map drawers around your community or the State to collaborate on creating redistricting plans.
- ✓ Encouraging your community to partake in the public meetings.

