

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES APPROVAL

- [A.](#) 02-02-2023 Minutes - Redistricting Committee

AGENDA ITEMS

- [1.](#) **HB10 Review**

Review House Bill 10 - This bill would allow municipalities to use census tracts to make the required description in the ordinance in order to redraw districts, and it would apply retroactively to validate districts and wards already redrawn using census tracts.

- 2. Review Proposed District Lines and Recommendations**

The Redistricting Committee will review updated Ward Map and proposed changes to equalize ward populations.

ADJOURN MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Conference Room | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

February 02, 2023

CALL TO ORDER *City Clerk, Mark Frey*

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL Committee Members: *Greg Farrell, Rick Ellis, Zach Zahariadis*

PRESENT

Greg Farrell
Rick Ellis
Zach Zahariadis

ALSO PRESENT

Elizabeth Czerw Brian Binzer
Vanessa McGrath Mark Frey
Lisa Glasgow

Selection of Committee Chair

Council Member Rick Ellis nominated Council Member Greg Farrell to Chair the Redistricting Committee which was seconded by Council Member Zach Zahariadis. Motion carried.

Council Member Greg Farrell nominated Council Member Rick Ellis to be the Vice-Chair of the Redistricting Committee which was seconded by Council Member Zach Zahariadis. Motion carried.

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Introductions

City Clerk Mark Frey introduced the Redistricting Committee to the City Staff that would be assisting with the project.

Redistricting Standards Review

Each district shall be formed of contiguous and, to the extent reasonably possible, compact territory, and its boundary lines shall be the center lines of streets or other well-defined boundaries and each district shall contain as nearly as possible the same population, but shall not vary by more than five (5%) percent from the average.

Best Practices for Redistricting

Mark Frey reviewed best practices relating to redistricting and discuss the following:

1. Review overlapping wards/census blocks
2. Moving of larger blocks/subdivisions to equalize ward population
3. Discuss timeline and set tentative date for public involvement meeting

Current Ward Map Review

<https://cityofalabaster.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=ed4ba2ff33f644e7b4968ca1ae6c98f0>

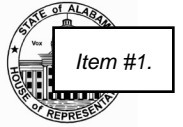
The Committee reviewed the Current Ward Map and amended in order to be compliant with the requirements of the project. Following extensive discussion and map manipulation, the Committee asked Mark Frey to place this item on the next work session for discussion.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Ellis, Seconded by Council Member Zahariadis.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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1 11QI3L-1
2 By Representative Hill
3 RFD: County and Municipal Government
4 First Read: 07-Mar-23
5 PFD: 08-Feb-23



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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law permits municipalities to redraw boundary lines to change the territories of existing districts or wards, consolidate them, or create new districts or wards by subdivision. Municipalities must adjust district boundaries by an ordinance that must describe the territories of redrawn districts by metes and bounds.

This bill would allow municipalities to use census tracts to make the required description in the ordinance in order to redraw districts, and it would apply retroactively to validate districts and wards already redrawn using census tracts.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive changes by eliminating duplicative language and updating antiquated language and terminology.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to municipalities; to amend Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama 1975, to permit municipalities to adjust districts and wards by census tract description; to make

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29 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing
30 code language to current style; and to provide for retroactive
31 application of this act.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

33 Section 1. Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama 1975, is
34 amended to read as follows:

35 "§11-46-23

36 ~~The boundaries of wards within municipalities which~~
37 ~~have been divided into wards as now defined shall so remain~~
38 ~~until changed by ordinance. Hereafter the municipal governing~~
39 ~~body may, in its discretion, readjust the boundary lines of~~
40 ~~wards and may divide or consolidate any number of wards and~~
41 ~~resubdivide the same into voting districts; provided, that no~~
42 ~~such adjustment shall be made within three months of any~~
43 ~~election unless such adjustment is made during calendar year~~
44 ~~1984 for the purpose of complying with the Voting Rights Act~~
45 ~~of 1965 as amended.~~

46 ~~Whenever the municipal governing body readjusts any~~
47 ~~ward lines or divides a ward into voting districts, the~~
48 ~~ordinance whereby the ward is established or subdivided into~~
49 ~~voting districts shall describe the territory composing the~~
50 ~~ward, and when the ward has been subdivided, the territory~~
51 ~~composing each district therein, by metes and bounds, and the~~
52 ~~municipal clerk, within five days after adoption of the~~
53 ~~ordinance, shall file with the judge of probate of the county~~
54 ~~in which the municipality lies a certified copy of such~~
55 ~~ordinance, accompanied by a map or plat of the city or town~~
56 ~~showing the boundaries of all wards and voting districts in~~

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57 ~~wards into which the municipality is then divided and shall~~
58 ~~also publish notice of all such changes or adjustments of~~
59 ~~boundaries of wards and voting districts within wards in a~~
60 ~~newspaper published in such city or town, or if there is no~~
61 ~~newspaper is published therein then by posting notice thereof~~
62 ~~at three public places in such city or town. This published~~
63 ~~notice need not be accompanied by a map or plat of the city or~~
64 ~~town.~~ (a) For the purposes of this section the following terms
65 have the following meanings:

66 (1) ADJUST and ADJUSTMENT. Any change in a district of
67 a municipality by redrawing boundary lines to enlarge or
68 reduce the territory of adjoining districts, merge two or more
69 districts, create new districts by subdividing districts or as
70 the result of annexation, or some combination of these
71 actions.

72 (2) DISTRICT. The term includes a ward.

73 (b) Consistent with the number of districts allowed to
74 a municipality under Chapter 43, a municipality may adjust its
75 districts, provided that no adjustment shall be made within
76 three months before an election.

77 (c) (1) Districts shall be adjusted by an ordinance
78 adopted by the municipality containing the effective date of
79 the adjustment and a description by census tract or by metes
80 and bounds of the territory of each district.

81 (2) Within five days of adoption of the ordinance, the
82 municipality shall do all of the following:

83 a. File with the judge of probate of the county in
84 which the municipality is located a certified copy of the

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85 ordinance with a map of the municipality showing the new
86 boundaries of the districts.

87 b. Give notice of the adjustment in a newspaper
88 generally circulated to the public in the municipality by
89 publishing a copy of the ordinance. The map required in
90 paragraph a. may be included in the notice. If there is no
91 newspaper of general circulation published in the county in
92 which the municipality is located, the notice shall be posted
93 in at least three public places in the municipality and on the
94 official website of the municipality."

95 Section 2. This act shall be curative and shall be
96 applied retroactively to validate any redrawing by a
97 municipality of a district or ward using census tracts before
98 the effective date of the act.

99 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
100 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
101 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.