

The George County, Mississippi (“County”) Board of Supervisors (“Board”), the governing body of the County, took up for consideration the matter of adopting new board of supervisor districts for the County. After a discussion of the subject, Supervisor Larry Havard offered and moved the adoption of the following Order:

**ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
DISTRICTS FOR GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, pursuant to, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 19-3-1 and 23-15-283 the Board is authorized to fix and alter the supervisor district boundaries of the County;

WHEREAS, the data from the 2020 Census as provided to the County indicated that the variances among the supervisor districts of the County were not within the acceptable norm of the one-man, one-vote doctrine of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Board has utilized the services of consultants and counsel to assist in the redistricting process;

WHEREAS, the Board has worked to develop a plan for the redistricting of the supervisor districts;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-211(1)(b) and 23-15-213(2), there shall be a board of election commissioners in the County elected from each supervisor district, thereby utilizing the same district boundaries as the supervisor districts;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, the Board of the County adopted the following redistricting criteria: that any redistricting plan to be considered and adopted by the Board shall comply with the U.S. Constitution, the Mississippi Constitution, applicable state and federal law, including the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; such plan shall also contain contiguous districts within +/- 5% deviation from the ideal district population; the Board may also separate incumbents into individual districts; maintain core retention to avoid voter confusion; and, follow natural geographic boundaries in drawing district lines;

WHEREAS, Census Block # 280399502002000 contains the regional prison block with a total population of 345 persons, of which 342 persons were classified by the U.S. Census Bureau as Institutionalized Population – Correctional Facility for Adults – Group Housing – (Inmates) with the remaining 3 persons being classified as non-inmates; accordingly, 305 persons were removed from the Census Block and total County population count as being nonresidents of George County as of April 1, 2020, with the 37 remaining inmates being George County residents that were reallocated within the County based on their home address;

WHEREAS, Census Block # 280399501011046 contains 155 persons according the U.S. Census Bureau, and such block is to be split with 117 persons allocated to the north in District 1 and 38 persons allocated to the south in District 2;

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2022, the Board held a public hearing to present a proposed draft plan to members of the public for comment;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the redistricting plan designated “George County Redistricting Plan, Alternative 1, April 18, 2022” as described and depicted in the attached Exhibits “A” and “B” to this Order, satisfies the adopted redistricting criteria and complies with all state and federal laws, and should therefore be immediately adopted and become effective January 1, 2023, to allow ample time for the updating of voter information by the Circuit Clerk’s office and election commissioners and compliance with the publication requirements, as each described below.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Board as follows:

1. That the Board of the County is hereby divided into five supervisor districts with the new boundaries of the districts set forth in a map which accurately depicts the district boundaries, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

2. That the boundaries for the election commissioners of the County shall be the same as those for supervisor districts as depicted in the map in Exhibit “A”.

3. That the pertinent 2020 Census population variance and population by race statistics of the districts described in the above-referenced map are contained in the table attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference.

4. That in the event of a conflict between the legal descriptions, which are attached hereto as Exhibit “C” and on file with the Circuit Clerk’s office, and the map which is also an exhibit to this Order, the map shall control.

5. This Order shall be subject to the following provision: All incumbent supervisors and election commissioners shall continue to serve until their present terms of office have expired and their successors have been duly qualified, elected, and take office.

6. That the authorized officials, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-283 and 23-15-285, shall proceed to alter precinct boundaries as needed to conform to the supervisor district boundaries set forth herein and to revise the registration books and poll books of the County in such a manner as is necessary to change the registration books of the voting precincts affected thereby to be so changed as to conform to the change of districts and precincts and to contain only the names of qualified electors in the voting precincts as made by the change of boundaries and to reassign those registered voters whose districts are changed by this Order and to notify such persons by United States Mail, postage pre-paid, of their reassignment as soon as practicable when accomplished.

7. That this Order shall take effect and be in force immediately; however, the boundaries of the supervisor and election commissioner districts and any corresponding precincts changes shall take effect, be in force and supersede any prior orders of the Board regulating the same on January 1, 2023.

8. That, prior to November 1, 2022 and pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 19-3-1, as amended, the County is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of this Order once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in *The George County Times* a weekly newspaper having a general circulation in the County. A copy of this Order, including the full exhibits depicting the supervisor boundaries and legal descriptions are on file for inspection by the public in the Board's office during normal business hours.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Supervisor Larry McDonald seconded the motion. The President put the question to a vote as follows:

Supervisor Frankie Massey	voted: Aye
Supervisor Kelly Wright	voted: Absent
Supervisor Larry McDonald	voted: Aye
Supervisor Larry Havard	voted: Aye
Supervisor Henry Cochran	voted: No

The motion having received the affirmative vote of the Board of Supervisors of George County, Mississippi, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the 15th day of July, 2022.

APPROVED:

s/ Frankie Massie
President of the Board of Supervisors of
George County, Mississippi

ATTEST:

s/ Cammie Byrd
Cammie Byrd, Chancery Clerk of
George County, Mississippi

EXHIBIT A BOS MAP

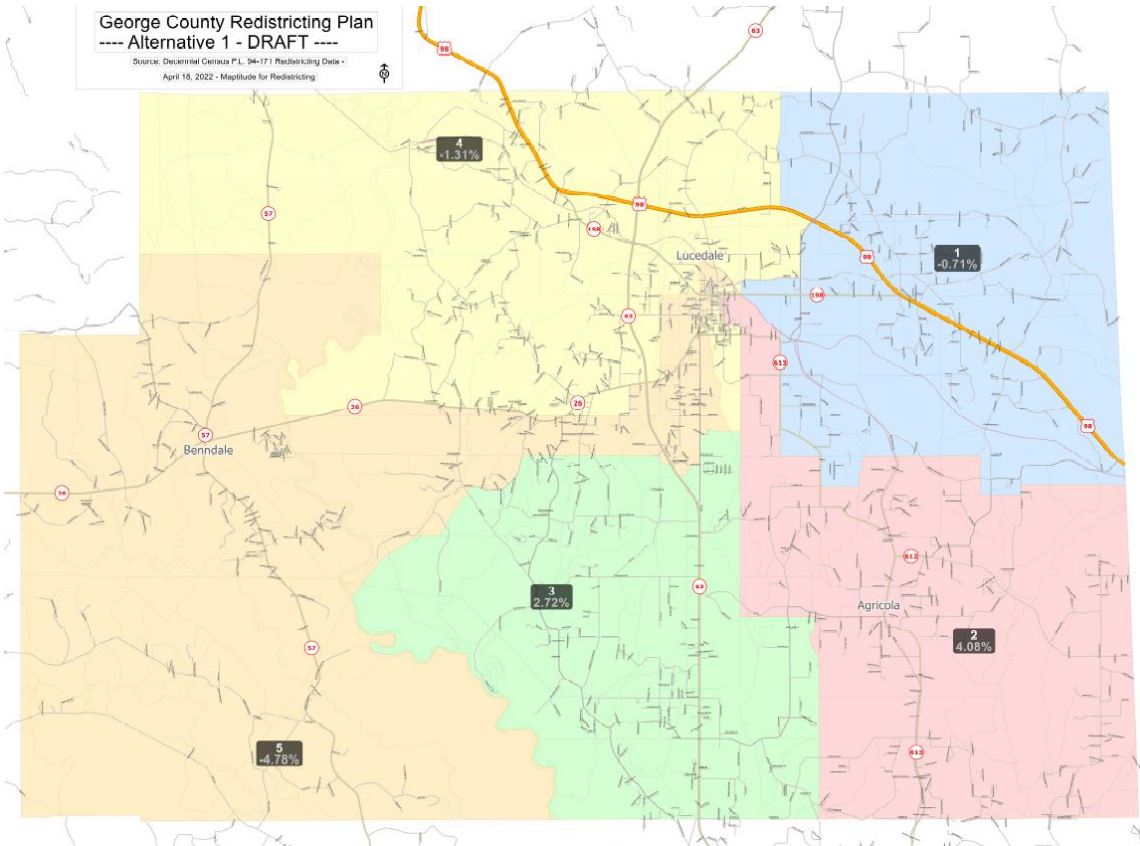


EXHIBIT B POPULATION SUMMARY TABLE

Plan Name: George County Alternative 1 (Option 1)
Plan Type: George County Alt 1

Population Summary

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District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	White	[% White]	Black	[% Black]	[18+_Wht]	[% 18+_Wht]	[18+_Blk]	[% 18+_Blk]
1	4,775	-34	-0.71%	4,389	91.92%	87	1.82%	3,318	92.27%	61	1.7%
2	5,005	196	4.08%	4,645	92.81%	78	1.56%	3,421	93.22%	52	1.42%
3	4,940	131	2.72%	4,290	86.84%	409	8.28%	3,241	87.19%	325	8.74%
4	4,746	-63	-1.31%	4,028	84.87%	380	8.01%	3,094	86.42%	270	7.54%
5	4,579	-230	-4.78%	3,651	79.73%	651	14.22%	2,740	80.99%	457	13.51%

Total: **24,045**
Ideal District: **4,809**

Summary Statistics:

Population Range: 4,579 to 5,005
Ratio Range: 0.09
Absolute Range: -230 to 196
Absolute Overall Range: 426
Relative Range: -4.78% to 4.08%
Relative Overall Range: 8.86%
Absolute Mean Deviation: 130.80
Relative Mean Deviation: 2.72%
Standard Deviation: 150.73

**EXHIBIT C
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS**

**[legal descriptions are on file with the Chancery Clerk and may be reviewed upon
request]**

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