



**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2022

The regular meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on January 24, 2022 at the Shelby County Code Enforcement Training Room at 4pm. This meeting was recorded on Facebook live.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Taylor at 4:00pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Lee, Smith, Stamson, and Uhlhorn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, AOE
Joe Young, DAOE
Jacob Swatley, Attorney
Deborah Upchurch, staff
Sherry Hewlett, staff
Ron Boozer, staff
Rick Roberson, staff
Nancy Tapp
Rose Ann Bradley
Linda Street
Jina Sanders

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Rose Ann Bradley
Linda Street
Jina Sanders

APPROVAL OF November 22, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Stamson
OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed Unanimously

RESOLUTION 2022-1 – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PRECINCT SPLIT NAMING SCHEMA

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Lee
OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed Unanimously

AOE Phillips presented proposed naming schema for precinct splits within Shelby County. Clarifying comments from Commissioners Stamson and Smith.

RESOLUTION 2022-2 – RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AS REQUIRED BY TCA§ 3-1-102 (g)

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Lee
OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

AOE Phillips showed proposed map for Tennessee Senate Districts and explained required changes outlined in Appendix A to modify precinct boundaries.

Chairman Taylor outlined plan to move forward to present proposed changes that would need to be addressed by the Shelby County Commission.

Commissioner Smith clarified that the state maps in the presentation are the proposed maps and not yet approved. AOE Phillips confirmed. Discussion on the implementation process once the state maps are approved.

Commissioner Lee enquired about voter education plans regarding precincts and other changes resulting from the redistricting process. AOE Phillips stated that Tennessee law requires notifying only voters with polling location changes, but urged funding to notify all Shelby County voters in light of the many changes that are occurring as a result of redistricting.

Chairman Taylor has begun to reach out to all mayors within Shelby County, Van Turner, and both party chairmen to communicate these changes for a smooth transition in the community.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Taylor commended the Shelby County Election Commission staff for their work on the redistricting changes. Expanded on the previously mentioned meetings with all Mayors; aim is to work with them to smoothly transition redistricting changes, inform them of election commission and website changes, and provide information for the 2022 election. Also reached out to both party chairmen to schedule a joint meeting to share information and begin to work together to provide the community with redistricting and 2022 election information.

Met with Norma Lester to address her primary board concerns; resulted in improved primary board application process.

Chairman Taylor shared a statement from Allan Wade, attorney, on voting machine litigation:

"Our council is considering strategies to expedite a decision on the appeal so as to allow the Shelby County Election Commission to move forward with the purchase of new machines to replace the failing and unsupported existing machines which the election commission has determined as necessary for the efficient administration and execution of future elections in Shelby County."

Chairman Taylor and AOE Phillips are exploring the possibility of barcode scanners for voter use at the polls so that voters have an opportunity to confirm ballot selections.

Commissioner Smith enquired about the status of current voting machine vendor support until new machines are purchased. AOE Phillips confirmed that the current vendor has promised to support current voting machines as parts allow. Chairman Taylor asked that the vendor promise of support be confirmed in writing.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Swatley stated we are in litigation with Shelby County Commission re: purchase of new voting equipment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:


AOE Phillips gave her report. See attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn by Commission Stamson, seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.



Brent Taylor, Chairman Date



Bennie Smith, Secretary Date

ITEM #: 2022-1

PREPARED BY: Linda Phillips

APPROVED BY: Linda Phillips

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PRECINCT SPLIT NAMING SCHEMA

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a unique identifier for areas within a precinct which may have different municipal boundaries, Tennessee House of Representatives districts, and school board districts and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Shelby County Election Commission to establish a precinct split naming schema for the precincts within the bounds of Shelby County and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, that every precinct split in Shelby County will carry a designator that indicates if the split is located inside or outside a municipality. Municipal splits will be designed by a hyphen after the four character precinct designator and the following code according to location:

A – Arlington

B – Bartlett

C – Collierville

G – Germantown

I - Memphis

L – Lakeland

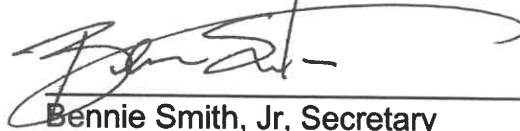
M – Millington

U - Unincorporated and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, precincts that require additional splits to show divisions within a precinct for Tennessee House of Representatives districts or County School Board districts will designated with a numeral after the municipality designation with the largest geographic area being designated as "1", and continuing with "2" for the next largest geographic area and continuing in order for as many designations as are required.



Brent Taylor, Chairman



Bennie Smith, Jr, Secretary



Kendra Lee, Member



Steve Stamson, Member



Frank Uhlhorn, Member

Adopted _____

ITEM #: 2022-2

PREPARED BY: Linda Phillips

APPROVED BY: Linda Phillips

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AS REQUIRED
BY TCA §3-1-102 (g)**

WHEREAS, TCA § 3-1-102(g) requires the Election Commission to adjust the boundaries of precincts so that no precinct splits a Tennessee Senate District, and

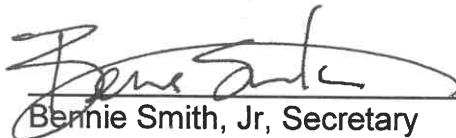
WHEREAS, the proposed districts as approved by the Tennessee Senate in SB780/HB1037 will required some modification of the precincts established by the Election Commission on November 22, 2021 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, the precinct boundaries will be modified as shown in Appendix A and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is contingent upon the Governor signing SB780/HB1037.



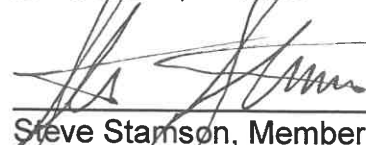
Brent Taylor, Chairman



Bennie Smith, Jr, Secretary



Kendra Lee, Member



Steve Stamson, Member


Frank Uhlhorn, Member

Adopted _____

APPENDIX A

Precinct Changes Required to Match Senate Districts 1/23/2022

Precinct	Senate District 1	Senate District 2	Senate District 3	Solution	# of Voters	New Precinct?
01-02	29	32		Move the section of District 32 into 01-03		
01-03	32	29		Move the section of District 29 into 01-03		
01-06	31	32		Small chunk in NE Corner; move to 01-07		
01-07	32	31		Move the SW portion that is in District 31 into 01-06		
01-09	32	30		Add the portion south of I-40 to 01-10		
01-10	30	32		Take the portion north of I-40 and add to 01-09		
01-11	30	31		Add the eastern part that is District 31 to 01-06	69	
02-01	31	30		Immediate fix is to create 02-15 which creates a very tiny precinct. Better fix would be to ask CC to change boundary and add to 05-06		*Ask CC to change
02-11	31	33		Add the portion in District 33 to 02-13	441	Boundary Yes
02-13	31	33		Split off the eastern portion into 02-14		Yes
03-02	30	31		Change NE boundary line to match Senate District 31		
03-07	32	31		Split down the SD 3 line, leaving the eastern portion in SD 03-07 with 2,444 voters. Take the western portion and add to 03-11, which will give it 5,694 voters.		
04-03	31	30		Create an additional precinct from District 30 in 04-03 and 04-07. Renumber the rest of the CC District 4 precincts. Voters who live in the small protrusion off Dogwood are annoyed that instead of being able to vote at the polling place at the end of the "finger", they must travel much farther away. Add to 02-06	2596	Yes
04-10	31					*Ask CC to change 115 Boundary

05-01	30	32	Immediate fix is to create 05-10; Better fix would be to have CC change boundary and add to 01-08.	*Ask CC to change 852 Boundary	Yes
05-03	30	31	Create 05-11 Add the tiny NE portion to 05-06. Add the District 31 portion to 05-09. Add to 05-08.	*Ask CC to change 0 Boundary	Yes
05-07	30	31	Of the 5583 voters in the original precinct, 1,977 are in SD 30 and 2,483 are in District 29 and 1,123 are in District 32. Add the District 32 voters to 06-04, which has the capacity. Add SD 30 voters to 0605, which has room after splitting off the southern and eastern parts. This leaves 2,483 voters in 06-03. This is somewhat smaller than is preferred but really the only thing we can		
05-09	31	30			
06-03	30	29	32 do. Redraw the line to match Senate district line; add to 06-01		41
06-04	32	29	Add the 583 Voters southern part to 06-07 and the 1179 Voters in the eastern part to 06-06. This reduces the voters to 2,395, so they can pick up the 1,977 from 06-03.		
06-05	30	32	Add the strange little triangle to 06-09.		
06-08	32	30	Add the eastern part to 07-09. Consider asking the CC to redraw the District 7 boundary to eliminate the odd part that includes Barksdale Court, etc, and move to 08-07	*Ask CC to change 211 Boundary	
07-10	29	30	Add the portion in District 29 to 08-02		
08-01	29	30	Add the portion in District 30 to 08-01		
08-02	29	30			
08-04	29	30	Move W boundary to match SD 30 line. Add to 08-05		0
08-05	29	30	Add the tiny NE portion to 08-06; this is St. Jude		
08-07	29	30	Add the portion north of Poplar to 08-06		
08-08	29	30	Add SD 30 to 08-09.		
08-10	29	30	Add the SD 30 part to 08-09		

08-11	29	30	Add the SD 30 part to 08-09	
09-05	29		Get rid of the bizarre little square and add to 10-09; it's on I-55 ROW.	*Ask CC to change Boundary
10-01	29	33	Add the District 29 portion to 10-03. Ask CC to consider adding the two little northeast sections in SD 33 to 13-05 to make a more rational boundary.	*Ask CC to change Boundary
10-03	29	33	Redraw the eastern boundary to match Senate District 33. Add to 10-07	
10-07	33	29	Add the SD 29 to 10-06	
12-02	33	31	Redraw boundary to match SD 31 line- add to 12-04	
12-03	31	33	Redraw southern boundary and add to 12-06.	
13-01	30	31	Adjust S boundary to match SD 31; add to 13-07	
13-02	30	31	Redraw the S boundary to match SD31; add to 13-07 Immediate fix for NE boundary is to create 13-10. However, this has only 113 voters as it is mostly commercial, so ask CC to add this to CC District 5 and include in 05-01. Redraw the boundary on the NW side to match SD line and add to 13-01.	*Ask CC to change Boundary
13-03	31	30	Redraw W boundary of 13-05 and add to 13-04	
13-05	33	29		113 Boundary
13-06	30	33	Split the portion in District 33 between 13-05 and 13-08.	Yes