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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Welcome**
- II. Review of current county district map and changes made to re-align population**
- III. Review of competitiveness data layer from Dave's Redistricting Tool**
- IV. Review of other submitted comments, COI, maps**
- V. Reading material (attached)**



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April 16, 2021

To: UCCI Membership

Re: 2021 Reapportionment of Counties Under Township Form of Government

**CURRENT STATUTORY DEADLINE
FOR COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT
(UNLESS EXTENDED BY LAW
OR EXECUTIVE ORDER)**

**JULY 1, 2021
OR
the day after the County Board's regularly
scheduled July meeting, whichever is later**

Required Pre-Reapportionment Determinations:

- Determine the size of County Board. (Minimum of 5 and maximum of 29; however, not larger than the County Board size on October 2, 1969).
- Determine Chairman status: Elected or Appointed.
- In counties with a population less than 450,000 where the Chairman is elected by voters, the Chairman is not counted for purpose of limiting the size of the County Board.
- At-large County Board elections may have adverse impact on minority voting rights.

The Reapportionment Plan:

- Determine if members are elected by district or at large (Any change requires referendum).
- If the County Board determines election by district, the Plan must specify the following:
 - Number of districts.
 - Number of County Board members elected from each district.
 - Determine whether voters will have cumulative voting rights in multi-member districts.

Reapportionment Plan Limitations:

- Districts must be substantially equal in population.
- Districts shall be comprised of contiguous territories.
- Districts shall be as nearly compact as practical.
- A precinct cannot be divided between two or more districts insofar as it is practical.

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- Except for Cook County, the County Boards may provide for a single member district outside the corporate limits and multi-member districts within a municipality with a population in excess of 75,000.

NOTE: The above requirements are applicable to both reapportionment of single and multi-member districts if utilized. The population of any multi-member district shall be equal to the population of any single member district, multiplied by the number of members within the multi-member district.

Elected County Board Chair (or County Executive) Plan:

- The elected County Board Chairman has the option to present a Reapportionment Plan to the County Board by the third Wednesday in May following the Federal Census. The Chairman or county executive shall have access to Federal Census data. If a Plan is so presented to the County Board, the County Board must conduct at least one hearing before adopting the Plan.

County Board Failure to Complete Plan by July 1, 2021:

- The duty for completing the Plan in the event a County fails to meet the specified date is vested in the County Reapportionment Commission which, pursuant to the Counties Code, consists of the following: County Clerk, State's Attorney, the Attorney General (or designee), and the County Chairman of first and second leading political party. The Commission must present the Plan by October 1, 2021.
- In the event the County Board failed to determine the size of the County Board, then in such event the number of districts and number of Board members to be elected shall be the largest number for which the county is entitled under Section 2-3002 of the Counties Code.

Requirement to File Plan & Failure to File a Plan:

- The Counties Code requires that the Plan be filed with the County Clerk. The County Board must file a Plan by July of 2021. If the County Board fails to do so, the County Reapportionment Commission must file a Plan by October 1, 2021, unless extended by the circuit court.
- In the event the County fails to file a Plan, Board members are elected at large unless the County Board has determined the size of the County Board, then such number controls; otherwise, the largest number permitted by the Counties Code.

Chairman of the County Board:

- The County Board at times of reapportionment may determine whether the Chairman is elected by voters or by the County Board (Special processes are applicable to counties of 3 million (Cook County)). For Counties over 300,000 but less than 3 million in population, the Chairman shall be elected as Chairman without first being elected as a County Board member.

Term of the Office of County Chairman:

- **2-Year Term:** In Counties where the Chairman is required to be a County Board member and is elected by voters or by the members of the County Board.
- **4-Year Term:** In counties where the Chairman is not required to be a member of the County Board, the Chairman is elected for a 4-year term.
- The term commences on the first Monday following the month in which members of the County Board are elected (1st Monday in December).

Compensation of Members:

- The amount of County Board member compensation must be determined at the time of Reapportionment and must adopt one of the following bases:
 - Per diem (not per meeting);
 - Annual; or
 - Combined per diem and annual.**NOTE:** The County Board may change the basis and amount of payment for a member or Chairman, but such changes must comply with the Local Government Officer Compensation Act (fixed at least 180 days prior to term) and cannot take place during the term of the member.

Term of Office of County Board Members:

- Terms commence the 1st Monday following the month of election.
- By September 1 following the year of reapportionment, the Board must divide, publicly by lot, as equally as possible into 2 or 3 groups, each having staggered terms: 2-4-4; 4-2-4; 4-4-2.

Additional Considerations:

- Based on latest Federal decennial Census (the County Board is permitted to seek and retain professional advice in assisting in meeting Counties Code requirements).
- The County Board may establish a Reapportionment Committee reporting to the County Board for purposes of presenting a Reapportionment Plan. (The Open Meetings Act is applicable to all committees).
- All Districts must be as equal in population as possible.
 - Allows only minimal deviation.
 - A maximum of 10% deviation is permissible.
 - Any Plan that contains a deviation of more than 10% of population between district is problematic and at risk of being deemed discriminatory.
 - The rights of minority populations cannot be diluted or concentrated.