

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

ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGE AND CONSTABLE DISTRICTS FOR GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 9-11-2(2) the Board is authorized to establish single member election districts in the County for the election of justice court judges;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 19-19-2, the Board is authorized to establish single member election districts in the County for the election of constables and the boundaries of those districts shall be the same as those established for justice court judges;

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 justice court judge and constable 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, on April 25, 2022, the Board held a public hearing for the purpose, *inter alia*, of enabling the public to comment on the proposed redistricting process for redistricting for justice court judges and constables;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the redistricting plan designated “George County Redistricting Plan, Justice Courts Alternative 1, April 18, 2022” as described and depicted in the attached Exhibit “A” 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. The Board hereby divides the County into two justice court judge and constable 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. The boundaries for the constables of the County shall be the same as those for justice court judge districts as depicted in the map in Exhibit “A”.

3. 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 on the map in Exhibit “B”.

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 justice court judges and constables shall continue to serve until their present terms of office have expired and their successors have been duly qualified, elected, and take office.

6. The authorized officials shall proceed to alter precinct boundaries as needed to conform to the justice court judge and constable 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. This Order shall take effect and be in force immediately; however, the boundaries of the justice court judge and constable 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. 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 justice court judge and constable boundaries and legal descriptions upon completion will be 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 Havard 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 unanimous 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 Massey
President of the Board of Supervisors of
George County, Mississippi

ATTEST:

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

EXHIBIT A JC/CONSTABLE MAP

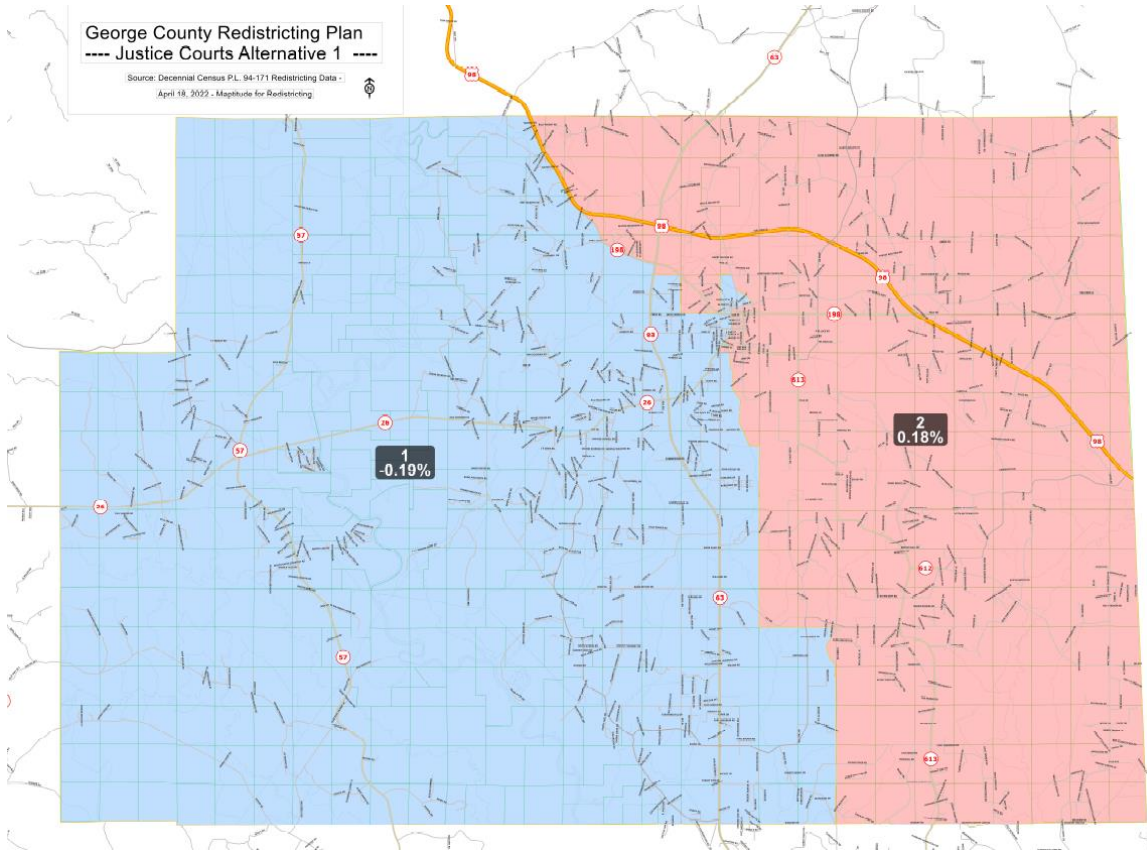


EXHIBIT B POPULATION SUMMARY TABLE

Plan Name: George County JC Alternative 1
Plan Type: Justice Courts Benchmark

Population Summary

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District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.	White	[% White]	Black	[% Black]	[18+ _Wht]	[% 18+ _Wht]	[18+ _Blk]	[% 18+ _Blk]
1	12,000	-23	-0.19%	10,083	84.03%	1,250	10.42%	7,628	84.83%	927	10.31%
2	12,045	22	0.18%	10,920	90.66%	355	2.95%	8,186	91.42%	238	2.66%

Total: 24,045

Ideal District: 12,023

Summary Statistics:

Population Range:	12,000 to 12,045
Ratio Range:	0.00
Absolute Range:	-23 to 22
Absolute Overall Range:	45
Relative Range:	-0.19% to 0.18%
Relative Overall Range:	0.37%
Absolute Mean Deviation:	22.50
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.19%
Standard Deviation:	22.50

**EXHIBIT C
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS**

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

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