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PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL PLANS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING SENATE REDISTRICTING PLAN PASSES SENATE

Columbia, SC - Senator Glenn McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced that two draft Congressional plans, prepared by the Senate redistricting staff, are now posted for review on the South Carolina Senate 2011 Redistricting website, at <http://redistricting.scsenate.gov>. These draft plans will be included in the discussions on proposed Congressional Plans at the public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 20, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Room 308 of the Gressette Senate Office Building, Columbia, SC.

Other Congressional plans submitted for consideration include two plans submitted by U.S. Representative Clyburn, one submitted by U.S. Representatives Wilson and Mulvaney, one submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union, and one submitted by Matthew Kuhn, a law student at Columbia University. The House-passed Congressional plan is also open for discussion. The public hearing is open to all interested parties who want to attend or offer testimony about the proposed Congressional plans. For persons not able to attend, written comments are accepted on the public submissions and the staff Congressional plans. In order to be considered at the public hearing, those comments must be sent to debbiehammond@scsenate.gov and received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011.

After the public hearing, the plans will be considered by the Senate Redistricting Subcommittee as well as the Senate Judiciary Committee. Those meetings are open to the public. A subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 and a Judiciary Committee meeting for 3:00 p.m. the same day.

The Redistricting Plan for the Senate districts, S. 815, passed out of the Senate this week with unanimous support. As Senator McConnell noted, "It is a fair and balanced plan that meets the redistricting criteria and complies with federal and state law. It contains the same number of black majority districts as the 2002 court-ordered plan and the 2003 Senate enacted plan. I think the overwhelming support from the Senate indicates the soundness of the Senate plan."

For additional information related to the 2011 Senate Redistricting process, please visit the Senate Redistricting website at <http://redistricting.scsenate.gov>.

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