

## Chronology of Information Released Prior to Passage of H. 3003 as Amended

1. 3/14/01 Letter from Senator Glenn F. McConnell advising members of the South Carolina Senate to the initiation of the 2001 Reapportionment and Redistricting Process.
2. 3//14/01 Letter written by Senator Glenn F. McConnell that was distributed for use as a guide to members of the South Carolina Senate to write to interested parties in their districts concerning the initiation of the 2001 Reapportionment and Redistricting Process.
3. 3/14/01 Schedule of Public Hearings to be held concerning the Senate Reapportionment Process.
4. 3/14/01 **Press Release 1**: Senator Glenn McConnell Announces Preparations for 2001 Reapportionment.
5. 3/30/01 **Press Release 2**: Senator McConnell Announces Appointment of Reapportionment Subcommittee.
6. 3/30/01 **Press Release 3**: Senate Committee Announces Launch of 2001 Reapportionment Website.

### Documents From Initial Website Release:

- A. *Policy for Public Participation*
- B. *Guidelines for Public Submission*
- C. *Guidelines for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting*
- D. *Overview of the Redistricting Process*
- E. *Statutory Citations*
- F. *Link to Senate Judiciary Committee Homepage*
- G. *Link to Members of the 2001 Redistricting Subcommittee*
- H. *Information on Public Hearings*
- I. *Link to Present Senate District Statistics and Maps*
- J. *Link to Present Congressional District Statistics and Maps*
- K. *County Statistics and VTD Tables*
- L. *County Maps and Information*
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- N. *Technical Notes*
- O. *Disclaimer*

7. 3/30/01 **Press Release 4**: Florence to Host Forum on Reapportionment.

8. 3/30/01 **Press Release 5**: Greenville to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
9. 3/30/01 **Press Release 6**: Columbia to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
10. 3/30/01 **Press Release 7**: North Charleston to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
11. 3/30/01 **Press Release 8**: Aiken to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
12. 3/30/01 **Press Release 9**: Rock Hill to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
13. 4/03/01 **Media Advisory 1**: Florence to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
14. 4/04/01 **Press Release 10**: Senator McConnell Announces Format for Public Input at Reapportionment Hearings.
15. 4/05/--/19/01 Remarks of Senator Glenn McConnell to the Attendees of 2001 Reapportionment Hearings Outlining the Public Hearing Format and Process.
16. 4/06/01 **Media Advisory 2**: Columbia to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
17. 4/09/01 **Press Release 11**: Columbia Reapportionment Forum a Success.
18. 4/09/01 **Media Advisory 3**: North Charleston to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
19. 4/09/01 **Media Advisory 4**: Greenville to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
20. 4/10/01 **Press Release 12**: Greenville Reapportionment Forum a Success.
21. 4/12/01 **Media Advisory 5**: Rock Hill to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
22. 4/12/01 **Media Advisory 6**: Aiken to Host Forum on Reapportionment.
23. 4/18/01 Letter to Interested Parties Announcing Subcommittee Meeting
24. 4/18/01 Letter to Interested Parties Announcing Subcommittee Meeting
25. 4/29/01 **Press Release 13**: Subcommittee Declares First Round of Public Input Forums a Success.
26. 4/20/01 **Media Advisory 7**: Redistricting Committee to Meet April 25,

2001.

27. 6/09/01 **Press Release 14:** Criteria and Timeline for Public Submissions.
28. 6/19/01 Remarks of Senator Glenn McConnell to the Members of the South Carolina Senate Updating on the 2001 Reapportionment and Redistricting Process.
29. 7/11/01 Letter to Interested Parties Soliciting Public Comments on Submitted Materials.
30. 7/31/01 **Press Release 15:** Release of Public Submissions on Website.
31. 8/02/01 Memo to Interested Parties Informing of Release of Staff Senate Plan on 8/02/01.
32. 8/06/01 **Press Release 16:** Release of Draft Senate Judiciary Staff Senate Plan.
33. 8/07/01 **Press Release 17:** Release of Draft Senate Judiciary Staff Congressional Plan.
34. 8/08/01 Notice of Public Hearing on August 13, 2001.

# **ITEM 1**

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March 14, 2001

Dear Senator:

Enclosed you will find a copy of my remarks from today's session on the 2001 reapportionment process. You will also find a tentative schedule for the six public input forums that will be held throughout the month of April. I strongly encourage you to attend the regional forum in your area.

I am also forwarding a copy of the letter I mentioned in my remarks today. Please feel free to use the general text of this letter when writing to the neighborhood associations, civic clubs, and public interest groups in your district.

I sincerely hope that you will encourage your constituents to participate actively in the 2001 reapportionment process.

I look forward to your continued participation and support throughout the 2001 reapportionment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either John Hazzard or Mike Couick on my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn F. McConnell".

Glenn F. McConnell

# **ITEM 2**

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March 14, 2001

Dear Neighbor:

I want to thank you for taking such an active role in our community and tell you that your efforts are truly appreciated. I also wanted to reaffirm that I am always ready to assist you with any government related matter.

Now, I need to ask for your assistance. The State is about to receive the results of the 2000 census, an event that will trigger the Senate's beginning to work on redistricting the State's forty-six Senate districts and six U.S. congressional districts.

We need public involvement in this process to ensure that we draw districts that are both fair and truly representative of the areas they encompass. A Senate subcommittee will be holding public input forums in six locations throughout the State to gather information about how the Senate should approach the reapportionment process. I want to personally invite you to attend the Charleston area public input forum.

This forum will allow the residents of our area to offer suggestions and comments about which "communities of interest" should be kept together. "Communities of interest" may include: school districts, voting precincts, neighborhoods, political subdivisions, or areas that share similar economic or geographic features.

The subcommittee also would appreciate receiving testimony about what criteria or "traditional redistricting principles" the Senate should use in drawing districts. Historically, criteria have included keeping precincts together to avoid voter confusion, respecting geographic and political subdivision boundaries, and maintaining cores of existing districts if possible. In addition, the subcommittee would like suggestions about how it should receive proposed plans from the public.

After the subcommittee has listened to people from throughout the State, it will devise new guidelines for a second group of hearings that will take place in late summer. The purpose of the second group of hearings will be to receive proposed Senate and congressional district plans.

The Charleston area public input forum will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, on the second floor of the 410 building at Trident Technical College in North Charleston, South Carolina. It will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should last approximately two to three hours.

Again, I want to personally invite you to the Charleston area public input forum on reapportionment and to thank you for your valuable input in this process.

Sincerely,

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Glenn F. McConnell

**ITEM 3**



## Reapportionment Public Hearings Scheduled

Thursday, April 5

Florence-Darlington Technical College  
Florence

To receive information about the following counties: Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg

Monday, April 9

Gressette Senate Office Building, Room 105  
Columbia

To receive information about the following counties: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter

Tuesday, April 10

Greenville Technical College  
J. Verne Smith Technical Resource Center  
Greenville

To receive information about the following counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union

Wednesday, April 11

Trident Technical College  
Charleston

To receive information about the following counties: Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg

Thursday, April 12

York Technical College  
Barnes Theater, Baxter Hood Center  
Rock Hill

To receive information about the following counties: Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Newberry, and York

Monday, April 16

Aiken Technical College  
Amphitheater  
Aiken

To receive information about the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Hampton, Lexington, Edgefield, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Saluda

*Counties may be included in more than one public input forum.*

**ITEM 4**



## Press Release

Please Contact: John Hazzard @ 803-212-6610

### *Senator Glenn McConnell Announces Preparation for 2001 Reapportionment*

Today, Senator Glenn McConnell (R) Charleston, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, gave an overview of the subcommittee and public hearing process concerning the 2001 Reapportionment to the members of the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will protect population equality. It also allows communities with similar interests to remain together.

In his remarks to the Senate Senator McConnell stated, " We do a lot of important work in this chamber. Along with these important tasks, we must work conscientiously to ensure that the people of South Carolina receive fair and equitable representation in their State and Federal Governments. To accomplish this, we must devote our attention to listening to our constituents and making wise decisions about how these districts should be redrawn."

In his enclosed remarks, Senator McConnell advised the members of the Senate that he would be appointing a subcommittee to focus on the following tasks *(1) to receive information through a series of six public forums about what traditional redistricting principles should be used and what areas are perceived as communities of interest that should not be divided; (2) to develop the standards to be used as criteria and the procedures by which plans may be submitted; (3) to hold an additional set of forums later to receive plan proposals; and (4) to recommend proposed Senate and congressional plans to the Judiciary Committee.*

The series of six public input forums will be held throughout the state. The mission of these forums will be to gather information about how citizens see them selves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, the subcommittee will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The first public input forum is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Florence at the Florence-Darlington Technical College. Additional public interest forums will be held in Aiken, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Rock Hill.

These public input forums will offer a valuable opportunity for the public to work with the subcommittee members in developing the guidelines that will be used for drawing the redistricting plans.

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**ITEM 5**



# Press Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: John Hazzard, Chief of Staff  
Office of Senate Judiciary  
101 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
(803) 212-6610

## *Senator McConnell announces appointment of Reapportionment Subcommittee*

Today, Senator Glenn F. McConnell (R)-Charleston announced the appointment of six Senators to the subcommittee which he will chair, that is charged with initiating the redistricting process for the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will comply with federal law. It also allows citizens to have input about what communities with similar interests should remain together. This subcommittee will be holding a series of six public input forums throughout the state. The first hearing is scheduled to take place on April 5 at the Florence Darlington Technical College.

Prior to making his appointments Senator McConnell addressed the members of the Senate and advised them of the scope of the subcommittee's work. In his March 14, 2001 address, Senator McConnell stated four major criteria that the subcommittee would handle. They are: (1) *receive information through a series of six public forums about what traditional redistricting principles should be used and what areas are perceived as communities of interest that should not be divided*; (2) *develop the standards to be used as criteria and the procedures by which plans may be submitted*; (3) *hold an additional set of forums later to receive plan proposals*; and (4) *recommend proposed senate and congressional plans to the Judiciary Committee*.

In addition to Senator McConnell, who will chair the subcommittee, other Senators serving on the subcommittee are Sen. Joe Wilson (R)-Springdale; Sen. Dick Elliott (D)-North Myrtle Beach; Sen. Robert Ford (D)-Charleston; Sen. Larry Martin (R)-Pickens; Sen. Bob Waldrep (R)-Anderson; Sen. Brad Hutto (D)-Orangeburg; and Sen. John Hawkins (R)-Spartanburg. When asked about the members of the subcommittee Senator McConnell stated, "I have worked hard to establish a truly bipartisan subcommittee that has a proven track record of working together. Together, we bring nearly a century of experience in working to create bold and innovative solutions to the problems of South Carolina. I am confident that we will work together to create a reapportionment that is fair and equitable to all South Carolinians."

The first task for this subcommittee will be to hold a series of six public input forums. The mission of these forums will be to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, the subcommittee will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The first public input forum is scheduled to take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Florence at the Florence-Darlington Technical College. Additional public interest forums will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Aiken, on April 11<sup>th</sup> in North Charleston, on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Greenville, and on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill. For additional information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

These public input forums will offer a valuable opportunity for the public to work with the subcommittee members in developing the guidelines that will be used for drawing the redistricting plans.

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# **ITEM 6**



# Press Release

For Immediate Release

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## *Senate Committee Announces Launch of 2001 Reapportionment Website*

Today, Senator Glenn McConnell (R)--Charleston, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced the launch of the South Carolina State Senate 2001 Reapportionment website. This website is one of only a few sponsored by state legislatures or other redistricting entities throughout the nation. The website address is <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

This website was created after Senator McConnell's remarks to the Senate on March 14, 2001, to follow his approach for making our state government and the Senate's 2001 reapportionment process open and accessible to the people of South Carolina.

This website offers the people of South Carolina an opportunity to stay informed about all aspects of the Senate's redistricting process. In discussing the website, Senator McConnell stated, "For the first time in South Carolina's history, a person can get on the information super-highway, and track the progress of our redistricting efforts and offer direct input into the redistricting process. This website will help citizens not only understand what the Senate is doing with the reapportionment process...It will actually allow the public to become an active part of the process."

Along with allowing a person to view the boundaries of all forty-six senatorial and congressional districts, the website offers a link to the information page for each Senator and member of South Carolina's Congressional delegation. It also includes links to the members of the reapportionment subcommittee. A vital part of this website is the access to information concerning the reapportionment process and the statutes that will apply to the reapportionment.

Lastly, the South Carolina State Senate 2001 reapportionment website will provide information about the six public input forums that will begin on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Florence at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence-Darlington Technical College. The website gives a listing of the forums and the counties that will be considered at each location. When asked about these public input forums, Senator McConnell referred to his remarks from March 14, 2001. "The mission of these forums is to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, these forums will be seeking specific information about existing 'communities of interest.' We must work conscientiously to ensure that the people of South Carolina receive fair and equitable representation in their state and federal governments. To accomplish this, we must devote our attention to listening to our constituents and making wise decisions about how these districts should be redrawn."

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These public input forums will offer a valuable opportunity for the public to work with the subcommittee members in developing the guidelines that will be used for developing criteria for drawing districts and for submitting the redistricting plans.

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Documents from Initial Website Release



# South Carolina Redistricting 2001 Senate Judiciary Committee

Redistricting 2001  
Redistricting E-Mail: [PGB@scstatehouse.net](mailto:PGB@scstatehouse.net)

## Redistricting Bill 3003 - As Passed by the Senate

- Statewide Senate District Map and Block Equivalency File (DBF)
  - Senate District Maps
  - Congressional Plan Map - same as described in Senate Judiciary Committee Report
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## Senate Judiciary Committee Report on Redistricting - Bill 3003

- Congressional Plan Map
  - Senate Plan Map
  - Senate District Maps
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A Public Hearing on Redistricting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 105 of the Gressette Building, in Columbia, South Carolina

## Draft Senate Judiciary Staff Senate Redistricting Plan

- Statewide Plan Map & Statistics
  - Senate District Maps & Statistics
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## Draft Senate Judiciary Staff Congressional Plan

- Proposed Congressional Plan Map & Reports
- 

## Public Participation - Policies & Guidelines

- Policy for Public Participation
  - Guidelines for Public Submission
  - Guidelines for Legislative & Congressional Redistricting
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**Public Participation - Maps & Data**

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**ITEM 6-A**

(Adopted 4/26/01)

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The redistricting subcommittee seeks active and informed public participation in all its activities and the widest range of public information and citizen input into its deliberations. Accordingly:

- a. Notices of all meetings of the subcommittee will be transmitted to any citizen or organization requesting the same, without charge.
  - b. Through the auspices of the Office of Research and Statistics, Budget and Control Board, copies of the validated census data base available to the subcommittee will be provided in hard copy or CD form to any person at cost. In addition, Census resource maps will be available from the office of Research and Statistical Services Division to any person at cost.
  - c. Copies of all base maps caused to be prepared by the subcommittee will be provided to any person at cost.
  - d. Audio and/or video recordings of all subcommittee meetings relating to redistricting shall be kept and maintained in the Judiciary Committee offices, and the same shall be available for public inspection.
  - e. All interested persons are encouraged to appear before the redistricting subcommittee and to give their comments and input regarding legislative redistricting. Reasonable opportunity will be afforded to such persons, consistent with the minimum guidelines herein established, to present plans or amendments to plans for legislative redistricting to the subcommittee if desired, unless such plans demonstrably fail to meet the minimally acceptable guidelines established by the subcommittee.
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**ITEM 6-B**

### PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

1. The public shall be provided accurate and complete information about redistricting plans introduced in the Senate, whether by House or Senate bill, and on public record with the subcommittee.
  - a. Any proposed redistricting plan drafted into legislation must be offered by a member of the General Assembly for introduction into the legislative process.
  - b. All plans submitted to and accepted by the subcommittee will be made part of the public record and will be made available in the same manner as other subcommittee public records.
2. A redistricting plan may be presented to the subcommittee by any individual citizen, any organization, or by any member of the General Assembly. All plans submitted to the subcommittee must meet the minimum guidelines established by the subcommittee in this document, in the Public Participation document, and in the Guidelines for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting document. (See attached Public Participation document and Guidelines for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting document.)
3. Any redistricting plan developed outside the Senate which is to be presented for consideration by the subcommittee must:
  - a. Be in the form of a tabular listing. The hard copy tabular listing must be in the form of a report which delineates census geography by district assignment and which displays, as well as identifying record length, the total population and minority population in a hierarchical format. For example, whole counties (and associated statistics) should be listed first and, then, a listing of precincts [Voting Tabulation Districts (VTD)] within each split county. Submissions may also be submitted in electronic form and meet the following requirements:
    - (1) Flat ASCII numeric file with fixed field lengths (and no control characters) on 3-1/2" diskette. The file must contain an information (readme) file showing file name and plan file(s) containing census ID-to-district ID correspondence. Also indicate the record length, census geography ID positions, precinct ID positions, etc. A plan must be submitted with geography at the block level. For example, 019/0026.05/617C 42, is one block where 019 is the county code, 0026 is the tract number, 05 is the tract suffix, 617C is the block number, and 42 is the district to which this block is assigned.

Tabular listings are necessary for an objective viewing of the information and are easily obtained from electronic data. Maps are desirable, but not mandatory. If maps are submitted, they must follow census geographic boundaries.

- b. Be a plan for the full state, or, if an amendment to an existing plan, it should be a complete amendment to the plan, not just a proposal for a single district. A plan should stand as a complete statewide plan for redistricting, or, if presented as a partial plan, it should fit back into the plan which is being modified, so that the proposal can be evaluated in the context of a statewide plan (i.e.: all pieces of geography must be accounted for in some district).
- c. Be reviewed by staff to ascertain the sufficiency of the submission. If the submission does not meet the minimum guidelines, it will not be accepted by the subcommittee. In order to have a submission reviewed, call and make an appointment with Mike Couick at (803) 212-6623.
- d. Comply with the guidelines adopted by the subcommittee. (See attached Guidelines for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting document.)

**ITEM 6-C**



(Adopted May 1, 2001)

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S  
REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE'S  
GUIDELINES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

**I. EQUAL POPULATION**

Equality of population of legislative and congressional districts insofar as is practicable is the goal of reapportionment and redistricting.

A. Legislative districts will be drawn to achieve substantial equality of population among the various districts. To the greatest extent practicable, consideration should be given to having a population deviation of no greater than plus or minus one percent (+ or - 1%). See, Burton v. Sheheen.

B. Congressional Districts.

The apportionment clause of Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires that the population of each congressional district to be as nearly equal in population as practicable to the other congressional districts within the state. Therefore, a congressional redistricting plan should produce districts which are mathematically equal in population or which produce the lowest overall range practicable.

## II. AVOIDANCE OF RACIAL GERRYMANDERING

All districts should comply with the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in Shaw v. Reno, Miller v. Johnson, Shaw v. Hunt, Bush v. Vera, Hunt v. Cromartie, and any forthcoming decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court relating to gerrymandering. Consideration should be given to whether current districts comply with these court decisions.

## III. VOTING RIGHTS ACT

A redistricting plan for the General Assembly or Congress should not have either the purpose or the effect of diluting minority voting strength and should otherwise comply with the Voting Rights Act, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in Reno v. Bossier Parish School Board, and any forthcoming decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court concerning voting rights.

## IV. CONTIGUITY

All legislative and congressional districts will be composed of contiguous geography. Contiguity by water is acceptable to link territory within a district provided that there is a reasonable opportunity to access all parts of the district and the linkage is designed to meet the other criteria stated herein. Point-to-point contiguity is acceptable so long as adjacent districts do not use the same vertex as points of transversal.

## V. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Where practical, legislative and congressional districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest.

**VI. CONSTITUENT CONSISTENCY**

Efforts will be made to preserve cores of existing districts.

**VII. PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES**

District boundaries should adhere, to the extent practical, to voting precinct boundary lines, as represented by the Census Bureau's Voting Tabulation District (VTD) Lines, in order to minimize voter confusion and cost of election administration. Pending precinct boundary line realignments should be considered. If precincts must be split, every effort should be made to divide precincts along recognizable and demonstrable boundaries.

**VIII. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY BOUNDARY LINES**

Municipal and county boundaries should be considered when drawing district boundaries.

## IX. DATA

The total state population and the population of the defined subunits thereof, as reported by the 2000 Federal Decennial Census, shall be the exclusive permissible population data base used for the development, evaluation, and analysis of proposed redistricting plans. Other succinct and importable sources of demographic and political information may be considered in drafting and analyzing proposed redistricting plans.

## X. COMPACTNESS

Scrutiny of the compactness of districts has heightened under recent judicial decisions which have invalidated or criticized majority-minority districts that were the result of racial gerrymandering and were not narrowly tailored to satisfy a compelling state interest.

In determining the relative compactness of a district, consideration should be given to overall geographical and demographic compactness.

Compactness also may be determined by an analysis of the function of the district. The district should be drawn to facilitate:

- A. enhanced communication between a representative and his constituents;
- B. enhanced opportunity for voters to know their representative and the other voters he represents; and
- C. a representative's reasonable access to constituents via roads and highways.

A functional analysis may be undertaken to ensure that the compactness also reflects:

- A. utilization of vernacularly insular regions so as to allow for the representation of common interests; and
- B. utilization of districts which facilitate a representative's capabilities to effectively and efficiently communicate with his constituents in cognizable media markets.

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**ITEM 6-D**

## REDISTRICTING

### The Process in the South Carolina Senate

Every ten years, after receiving the results of the latest census, South Carolina must redraw the district lines for its seats in the United States Congress, the State Senate, and the State House of Representatives. The districts are redrawn to comply with the U.S. Constitution, the requirements of "one person, one vote," and the federal Voting Rights Act.

The South Carolina Senate is preparing to redraw congressional and State Senate districts. South Carolina has six seats in the United States House of Representatives. The population for each congressional district should be approximately 668,669 people. The South Carolina Senate has forty-six districts. The population for each Senate district should be approximately 87,218 people.

A Senate redistricting subcommittee will be conducting two series of hearings throughout the state beginning in April 2001. At the first group of hearings, the subcommittee will listen to testimony about what standards the Senate should use when drawing the new districts. These standards might include keeping communities with similar interests together, creating districts that representatives may travel in easily, and not dividing precincts into separate districts. In addition, during the first group of hearings, the subcommittee will receive information about how people would like to be able to submit plans for consideration. At the second group of hearings, the subcommittee will accept proposed plans.

The subcommittee seeks active and informed public participation in these hearings. As a resident of South Carolina, your input is essential to the redistricting process.

#### Here is how you can help:

- Give the subcommittee information regarding why communities have common interests and, therefore, should share a common district. Common interests may include but are not limited to similar ethnicity, economics, religion, geography, education, and concerns. The following are examples of possible goals to consider:
  - to divide as few communities as possible;
  - to divide each county or city into as few parts as possible;
  - to take into account the rural or urban nature of certain areas;
  - to consider particular industries or activities, like tourism or forestry, that uniquely affect a region.
- Let the subcommittee know your opinion about geographical divisions, either naturally occurring ones (like a river or mountain ridge) or borders of

political subdivisions (like towns or school districts), which may be followed as boundaries between districts.

- Provide the subcommittee with examples of how areas within a district are most effectively connected:
  - by land (minimal crossing of water);
  - by bridges across waterways;
  - by highways.
- Offer the subcommittee your opinion about your legislator's ability to reach you and your community within your present district.

If you are unable to attend the public hearings, but would like to submit information to the subcommittee, please send e-mails to [pgb@scsenate.org](mailto:pgb@scsenate.org) or mail correspondence to the following address:

S.C. Senate Redistricting Subcommittee  
c/o S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee  
P.O. Box 142  
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Thank you for your interest and participation!



**ITEM 6-E**

# South Carolina Redistricting 2001 Senate Judiciary Committee

## Statutory Citations

SECTION 2-1-25. Establishment of election districts for members of House of Representatives.

SECTION 2-1-65. Establishment of election districts for members of Senate.

SECTION 7-19-40. Division of State into six congressional districts.

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**ITEM 6-F**

# South Carolina Redistricting 2001 Senate Judiciary Committee

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  - Senate District Maps
  - Congressional Plan Map - same as described in Senate Judiciary Committee Report
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## Senate Judiciary Committee Report on Redistricting - Bill 3003

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A Public Hearing on Redistricting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 105 of the Gressette Building, in Columbia, South Carolina

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# South Carolina Redistricting 2001

## Senate Judiciary Committee

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<b>Thursday April 5</b>	Florence-Darlington Technical College Florence <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg
<b>Monday April 9</b>	Gressette Senate Office Building, Room 105 Columbia <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter
<b>Tuesday April 10</b>	Greenville Technical College J. Verne Smith Technical Resource Center Greenville <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union
<b>Wednesday April 11</b>	Trident Technical College Charleston <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg
<b>Thursday April 12</b>	York Technical College Barnes Theater, Baxter Hood Center Rock Hill <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Newberry, and York
<b>Monday April 16</b>	Aiken Technical College Amphitheater Aiken <a href="#">Map</a>	To receive information about the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Hampton, Lexington, Edgefield, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Saluda

Counties may be included in more than one public input forum.

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# South Carolina Redistricting 2001 Senate Judiciary Committee

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## How to Make an Effective Presentation to the Reapportionment Subcommittee

- Step 1. Chairman McConnell's Statement to begin Redistricting Public Hearings
- Step 2. Reapportionment & Redistricting Fact Sheet
- Step 3. Request for Public Input in Developing Criteria or Guidelines for Drawing District Lines
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**ITEM 6-G**

## South Carolina Redistricting 2001 Senate Judiciary Committee

### STATEMENT FOR SENATOR GLENN F. McCONNELL (To Begin Redistricting Public Hearings)

Good evening and welcome. As the Redistricting Subcommittee of your Senate, we are charged with one of the most important tasks before the General Assembly, which is to initiate the process of redistricting. We must recommend legislation to the Senate Judiciary Committee to redraw South Carolina's six congressional districts and forty-six state senate districts.



In the process of redrawing those districts, we must develop a procedural format that establishes the traditional redistricting principles the Senate will use and that allows for maximum public participation. We must work conscientiously with the people of South Carolina to ensure fair and equitable representation. We must listen to our constituents in order to make wise decisions about how these districts should be drawn.

Collectively, the members of this subcommittee bring nearly a century of experience in working to create bold and innovative solutions to the problems of South Carolina; and they represent the different regions of the state. From the mountains and upstate are Senator Waldrep of Anderson; Senator Martin of Pickens; and Senator Hawkins of Spartanburg. From the midlands are Senator Wilson of Lexington and Senator Hutto of Orangeburg. From the low country are Senator Ford and myself, of Charleston. And from the Pee Dee and Grand Strand area is Senator Elliott of Horry.

District boundaries must accommodate both constituent needs and federal requirements. Traditionally, we have held public hearings in order to gain input from citizens, groups, and government officials to determine the criteria, or reasonable state policies, to use in constructing district lines.

We also must be concerned with the idea of "communities of interest." In this public hearing, we need to document which neighborhoods, towns, or other political subdivisions should not be divided between districts.

In addition, while we have not yet reached the stage of the process in which persons or groups may submit proposed plans, we need to hear testimony about how constituents would like to make public submissions at the appropriate time. For example, some people may have access to computers while others wish to draw plans by hand.

Depending upon what map is used as a base, details may or may not be available at a glance. In order for us to be able to decipher exactly where a proposed line has been drawn, we need written descriptions of the precincts and geographic features accompanying a map of a proposed district or proposed plan so that we may verify the data. Technology offers us many advantages; however, it also presents problems with conversions and readability. If we cannot determine exactly where a proposed line has been drawn, we cannot accurately evaluate the proposal. We need your input about what information should be required for public submissions of proposed plans so that we may treat all publicly submitted proposals consistently and fairly.

As we begin this first of a series of public hearings, let us set three general ground rules to govern the information we receive. These ground rules will be important if we are to ensure that every citizen gets



a full and fair opportunity to be heard.

First, and most importantly, we need to ask those testifying to **BE CLEAR**. Reapportionment is an exact process, and clarity is a virtue. For example, when speaking about communities of interest, it is important that citizens distinguish between whether they are talking about congressional or senate districts, as the subcommittee must consider both. The smaller size of senate districts often renders impossible the task of keeping large communities of interest intact. The same is not true of congressional districts, so this distinction will be important.

Along the same lines, clarity will be necessary to explain **WHY** an area is a "community of interest." We will have maps available for you to identify and circle areas you consider to be communities of interest. We will incorporate this information into our computer program.

Let us set **BREVITY** as our second ground rule for discussion. We want to afford everyone the opportunity to express themselves fully and effectively. We encourage everyone who is interested in this process to participate, by speaking before the subcommittee at a public hearing or sending the subcommittee written information. Written comments will receive the same consideration as spoken ones.

In order to facilitate communication with the subcommittee, we have established a website. I encourage all persons interested in redistricting to consult our website which is located at:

[www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm)

The reference to that website also is included on our handouts.

Our website has materials about how to make an effective presentation to the subcommittee. Included among those materials are this statement and the handouts we have available at the public hearings. One of the documents is a questionnaire that will help us to identify communities of interest. You may fill out a questionnaire at a hearing or access and submit one through the website.

We don't want to establish rigid time limits for speaking at these public hearings; however, we would encourage you to have a goal of speaking no more than five minutes so that everyone may be heard, although within the chairman's discretion the time for remarks may be extended to receive pertinent information. If someone makes a point that a speaker agrees with, let us encourage him to simply state his agreement and not repeat the idea at length. If a citizen would like to submit an extended written statement, we will accept it for consideration. The handouts available to you provide the address and e-mail to which comments may be sent. When speaking, we hope persons will make the basic points, and allow others to express their opinions. If we can all agree to this general suggestion, we should be able to hear from all interested parties.

Finally, we must stress **PREPARATION** as a final ground rule for discussion. It will be important for each person to state their main points and be seated. If each citizen rambles at length about issues that have been raised by others, the effectiveness of this hearing will be adversely affected. As I stated earlier, drawing on maps is to be used for illustrative purposes.

We must work together on these plans, and we must not allow the task to become mired in controversy or caught up in partisan backbiting. Let us use these general ground rules, **CLARITY**, **BREVITY**, and **PREPARATION**, to spark a positive and purposeful start for the redistricting process. Thank you, and thank you for giving of your time and being willing to be a part of the process.

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# REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE FACT SHEET

## What is the census?

A census is a government-sponsored periodic counting, or enumeration, of the total resident population (citizens and non-citizens).

The United States Constitution requires that an enumeration be made every 10 years in order to determine the number of members each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. (Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.)

Congress has established the United States Census Bureau to conduct the census. The Census Bureau defines "apportionment" as "the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the House of Representatives among the 50 states." Information about the Census Bureau may be found on the Internet at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov). Publications of the Census Bureau also are available in libraries.

According to the 2000 Census figures released on April 1, 2000, the total resident population for the United States is 281,421,906. The total resident population for South Carolina is 4,012,012.

## What is reapportionment?

The U.S. Constitution provides that representatives be apportioned among the states based upon the population living in each state. (Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.) Every 10 years, after the census is taken, an announcement is made concerning how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

South Carolina has 6 seats in the United States House of Representatives.

## What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process by which a state legislature or other government entity divides an area into new representative districts based upon the area's population.

The South Carolina Senate is preparing to redraw the 6 congressional and 46 State Senate Districts. The population for each congressional district should be approximately 668,669. The population for each Senate District should be approximately 87,218.

*For additional information access: [www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm)*

## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT IN DEVELOPING

# GUIDELINES OR CRITERIA FOR DRAWING DISTRICT LINES

## TO ASSIST THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

### What "rules" apply to redistricting?

Congressional and legislative districts must be redrawn following the census in order to comply with the requirements of federal law and to ensure that the representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives or a state legislative body are elected from districts with approximately the same population.

Redistricting plans must adhere to the concept of "one person, one vote," the Voting Rights Act, and federal constitutional and statutory provisions as interpreted by case law. However, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that states may follow certain "traditional redistricting principles" which are reasonable state policies.

### What are "traditional redistricting principles?"

Traditional redistricting principles are guidelines or criteria a state may choose to follow in redrawing district lines.

Examples of traditional redistricting principles would include: (1) that districts be compact and contiguous; (2) that district boundaries follow natural, man-made, or political geographic boundaries (like mountain ridges, roads, or county or municipal lines); (3) that as few voting precincts as possible be split in order to avoid voter confusion at the polls; (4) that, to the extent possible, cores of existing districts be maintained in order to allow for a continuation of similar representation; or (5) that communities of interest be kept together in the same district.

### What are Guidelines or Criteria?

In the past, the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Redistricting has adopted specific guidelines or criteria to be followed in redrawing districts. These guidelines or criteria take into account federal requirements; however, they also incorporate traditional redistricting principles recommended to the subcommittee during public hearings.

By adopting guidelines or criteria, the subcommittee establishes standards for judging proposed plans. If a proposed plan fails to meet the guidelines or criteria, it may be rejected in favor of a plan that meets the adopted standards. By following the guidelines or criteria, the Senate creates a record to explain its redistricting decisions to: (1) the Department of Justice, which must preclear the plans before they may be used, and (2) the court, if a plan is challenged.

### How can you help?

At the public hearings being conducted around the State, let the Senate Subcommittee on Redistricting know what guidelines or criteria it should adopt as standards when the Senate begins to draw district lines. If you cannot attend a public hearing or wish to submit your recommendations in writing, send them to S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Redistricting, P.O. Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or e-mail them to [pgb@scsenate.org](mailto:pgb@scsenate.org). Please provide this information to the subcommittee by no later than Friday, April 20, 2001.

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## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT IN DEVELOPING

# POLICIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSIONS

## TO ASSIST THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

### How can citizens participate in the redistricting process?

The Senate Redistricting Subcommittee is seeking information from members of the public concerning how South Carolina's congressional and state senate districts should be redrawn. While the subcommittee is charged with drawing districts that reflect new population totals and comply with federal law, it also wants to provide for districts that are truly representative of the people they include. In order to do this, the subcommittee needs first hand information from people all around the State about the areas in which they live. In this first series of public hearings, the subcommittee expects to hear about the communities of interest that exist throughout the State and that should be kept intact as districts are redrawn.

In addition, during the first series of public hearings, the subcommittee wants to know how people would like to submit their own proposals for new districts lines. Computer technology offers many programs for drawing maps. The subcommittee would like to receive submissions in different formats, those available from computer programs or developed from other resources; however, in order to be able to evaluate the submissions fairly, the subcommittee must develop certain standards for determining if a submission is complete or requires additional information.

### How should the subcommittee evaluate plan submissions?

Not everyone will want to draw a statewide plan for congressional or senate districts. You may wish to draw only a district for your area.

If you draw a single district, it would be most helpful if your plan could fit into a proposed statewide plan. This would allow the subcommittee to consider your district as a part of a whole instead of being forced to develop statewide plans for each singly submitted district.

You may not have access to a computer, but wish to recommend a district by a hand-drawn map. Because maps vary in the amount of detail they display, a description of the areas to be included a district should accompany the map. The description could explain along which roads a district boundary should be drawn or it could contain a list of the voting precincts that are in the district.

Even if you draw your plan by computer program, a description of the boundaries or precincts would be helpful. Remember not all computer formats are compatible or convert easily into a readable display. A written description would help to verify a proposed plan's district boundary lines.

### What suggestions would you make?

At the public hearings being conducted around the State, let the Senate Subcommittee on Redistricting know what policies it should adopt as public participation and public submission standards when the Senate begins to draw district lines. If you cannot attend a public hearing or wish to submit your recommendations in writing, send them to S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Redistricting, P.O. Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or e-mail them to [pgb@scsenate.org](mailto:pgb@scsenate.org). Please provide this information to the subcommittee by no later than Friday, April 20, 2001.

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# QUESTIONNAIRE

The Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Redistricting is trying to find out as much as possible about the different areas of the State and the interests that people are concerned about in each area. It would be very helpful to the subcommittee's members if you could take a few moments to address all or some of the following questions. You may sign the form at the end or submit your response anonymously.

WHAT IS YOUR STATE SENATE DISTRICT OR WHO REPRESENTS YOU IN THE STATE SENATE? \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIPTION

- (1) In what community, neighborhood, precinct, or area do you live? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Would you like your entire community, neighborhood, precinct, or area to be in the same state senate district? If yes, why?  
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- (3) What interests or concerns does your community, neighborhood, precinct, or area share? (Examples: activities, environment, businesses, schools)  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Do you know if your community, neighborhood, precinct, or area is currently in the same state senate district? If it is split between state senate districts, has the split caused problems?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- (5) An ideal senate district would have a population of 87,218 people. List the specific communities of interest you would like to see kept together in your senate district:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION

- (1) Are you happy with the boundaries of the senate district in which you live?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Is it easy to contact your Senator?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Would you say that your senate district is geographically large or small?  
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\_\_\_\_\_



SIZE OF DISTRICT

(1) Do you know the boundaries of your current senate district?

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\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Is it easy to travel to different parts of the district?

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(3) How much time would it take to drive from one end of your district to the other?

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\_\_\_\_\_

MEDIA SOURCES

(1) How do you hear about what your Senator does?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Are his activities in the legislature (the bills he introduces or the votes he makes) reported:

- \_\_\_ (a) in a daily newspaper?
- \_\_\_ (b) in a weekly newspaper?
- \_\_\_ (c) on a local television station?
- \_\_\_ (d) on a television station which broadcasts from a large city close to where you live?

(3) Does the media do a good job of covering news stories concerning your Senator?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(4) What T.V. station(s) do you watch for news?

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(5) What newspaper(s) do you read?

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**WHAT IS YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OR WHO REPRESENTS YOU IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES?** \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

(1) An ideal congressional district would have a population of 668,669. Which of the following would you like to see kept together in your congressional district?

- counties: \_\_\_\_\_
- cities or towns: \_\_\_\_\_
- voting precincts: \_\_\_\_\_
- neighborhoods: \_\_\_\_\_
- school districts: \_\_\_\_\_
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) What issues affect the people in your congressional district?

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QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION

- (1) Are you happy with the boundaries of the congressional district in which you live?

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- (2) Is it easy to contact your Congressman?

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***PLEASE PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE BY  
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001.***

If you wish, please list your name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about future meetings?      YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**You may submit your responses at the Public Hearing, return the questionnaire to the following address, or use the questionnaire form on the Redistricting Website. Thank you for your input in this important process.**

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Subcommittee on Redistricting  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202**

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**ITEM 6-I**

# South Carolina Redistricting 2001

## Senate Judiciary Committee

### Current Senate District Information & Maps

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South Carolina	3,486,310	4,012,012	525,702	15.1%

Source: Office of Research & Statistics

County	April 1,1990	April 1,2000	Difference	Percent change
Abbeville County	23,862	26,167	2,305	9.7%
Aiken County	120,991	142,552	21,561	17.8%
Allendale County	11,727	11,211	-516	-4.4%
Anderson County	145,177	165,740	20,563	14.2%
Bamberg County	16,902	16,658	-244	-1.4%
Barnwell County	20,293	23,478	3,185	15.7%
Beaufort County	86,425	120,937	34,512	39.9%
Berkeley County	128,658	142,651	13,993	10.9%
Calhoun County	12,753	15,185	2,432	19.1%
Charleston County	295,159	309,969	14,810	5.0%
Cherokee County	44,506	52,537	8,031	18.0%
Chester County	32,170	34,068	1,898	5.9%
Chesterfield County	38,575	42,768	4,193	10.9%
Clarendon County	28,450	32,502	4,052	14.2%
Colleton County	34,377	38,264	3,887	11.3%
Darlington County	61,851	67,394	5,543	9.0%
Dillon County	29,114	30,722	1,608	5.5%
Dorchester County	83,060	96,413	13,353	16.1%
Edgefield County	18,360	24,595	6,235	34.0%
Fairfield County	22,295	23,454	1,159	5.2%
Florence County	114,344	125,761	11,417	10.0%
Georgetown County	46,302	55,797	9,495	20.5%
Greenville County	320,127	379,616	59,489	18.6%
Greenwood County	59,567	66,271	6,704	11.3%
Hampton County	18,186	21,386	3,200	17.6%
Horry County	144,053	196,629	52,576	36.5%
Jasper County	15,487	20,678	5,191	33.5%
Kershaw County	43,599	52,647	9,048	20.8%
Lancaster County	54,516	61,351	6,835	12.5%
Laurens County	58,132	69,567	11,435	19.7%



Lee County	18,437	20,119	1,682	9.1%
Lexington County	167,526	216,014	48,488	28.9%
McCormick County	8,868	9,958	1,090	12.3%
Marion County	33,899	35,466	1,567	4.6%
Marlboro County	29,716	28,818	-898	-3.0%
Newberry County	33,172	36,108	2,936	8.9%
Oconee County	57,494	66,215	8,721	15.2%
Orangeburg County	84,804	91,582	6,778	8.0%
Pickens County	93,896	110,757	16,861	18.0%
Richland County	286,321	320,677	34,356	12.0%
Saluda County	16,441	19,181	2,740	16.7%
Spartanburg County	226,793	253,791	26,998	11.9%
Sumter County	101,276	104,646	3,370	3.3%
Union County	30,337	29,881	-456	-1.5%
Williamsburg County	36,815	37,217	402	1.1%
York County	131,497	164,614	33,117	25.2%

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**ITEM 7**



# Press Release

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## *Florence to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

Today, the Senate subcommittee working on the 2001 reapportionment announced plans for the Florence area public input forum concerning the 2001 reapportionment and the redistricting of South Carolina's forty-six state senate and six congressional districts.

Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law.

The mission of these forums is to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, these forums will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The public input forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at the Florence-Darlington Technical College Cafeteria in Florence. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, you can get directions to the forum by calling the Florence-Darlington Technical College information line at 843-661-8001. For additional information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

People living in Florence, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties are strongly encouraged to attend. This is the first of six public forums to be held throughout the state. In some cases, a county may be included in more than one regional hearing. Public participation in these forums will be an integral part of making the 2001 reapportionment process a success.

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**ITEM 8**





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## *Columbia to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

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The public input forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Monday, April 9, 2001, at the Gressette (Senate) Office Building, 1101 Pendleton Street, Room 105, in Columbia. If you are unfamiliar with the location you can get directions to the forum location by calling the Senate Judiciary committee at 803-212-6610. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

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## *North Charleston to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

Today, the Senate subcommittee working on the 2001 reapportionment announced plans for the Charleston area public input forum concerning the 2001 reapportionment and the redistricting of South Carolina's forty-six state senate and six congressional districts.

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The mission of these forums is to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, these forums will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The Charleston area public input forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, on the second floor of the 410 Building at the main campus of Trident Technical College in North Charleston. If you are unfamiliar with the location you can get directions by calling the Trident Technical College information line at 843-574-6301. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

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## *Aiken to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

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## *Rock Hill to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

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People living in York, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, and Newberry counties are strongly encouraged to attend. This is one of six public forums to be held throughout the state. In some cases, a county may be included in more than one regional hearing. Public participation in these forums will be an integral part of making the 2001 reapportionment process a success.

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## *Florence to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

Florence County will be host of one of six public interest forums being conducted by a South Carolina State Senate subcommittee dealing with the 2001 reapportionment and redistricting process. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law.

The forum will be held on **Thursday April 5, 2001, at the Florence-Darlington Technical College Cafeteria in Florence.** The forum will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should last for approximately three hours. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, call the Florence-Darlington Technical College information line at 843-661-8001. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

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For more information about this forum, please contact the 2001 reapportionment subcommittee staff at 803-212-6610.

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**ITEM 14**



## Press Release

Please Contact: John Hazzard @ 803-212-6610

### *Senator Glenn McConnell Announces Preparation for 2001 Reapportionment*

Today, Senator Glenn McConnell (R) Charleston, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, gave an overview of the subcommittee and public hearing process concerning the 2001 Reapportionment to the members of the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will protect population equality. It also allows communities with similar interests to remain together.

In his remarks to the Senate Senator McConnell stated, " We do a lot of important work in this chamber. Along with these important tasks, we must work conscientiously to ensure that the people of South Carolina receive fair and equitable representation in their State and Federal Governments. To accomplish this, we must devote our attention to listening to our constituents and making wise decisions about how these districts should be redrawn."

In his enclosed remarks, Senator McConnell advised the members of the Senate that he would be appointing a subcommittee to focus on the following tasks *(1) to receive information through a series of six public forums about what traditional redistricting principles should be used and what areas are perceived as communities of interest that should not be divided; (2) to develop the standards to be used as criteria and the procedures by which plans may be submitted; (3) to hold an additional set of forums later to receive plan proposals; and (4) to recommend proposed Senate and congressional plans to the Judiciary Committee.*

The series of six public input forums will be held throughout the state. The mission of these forums will be to gather information about how citizens see them selves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, the subcommittee will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The first public input forum is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Florence at the Florence-Darlington Technical College. Additional public interest forums will be held in Aiken, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Rock Hill.

These public input forums will offer a valuable opportunity for the public to work with the subcommittee members in developing the guidelines that will be used for drawing the redistricting plans.

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**ITEM 16**



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## *Columbia to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

Richland County will be host of one of six public interest forums being conducted by a South Carolina State Senate subcommittee dealing with the 2001 reapportionment and redistricting process. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law.

The forum will be held on **Monday, April 9, 2001, in Room 105, Gressette (Senate) Building, 1101 Pendleton Street, on the State House grounds in Columbia.** The forum will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should last for approximately three hours. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, call the Judiciary committee office at 803-212-6610. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

**People living in Richland, Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Sumter counties are strongly encouraged to attend.** This is one of six public forums to be held throughout the state. In some cases, a county may be included in more than one regional hearing. Public participation in these forums will be an integral part of making the 2001 reapportionment process a success.

For more information about this forum, please contact the 2001 reapportionment subcommittee staff at 803-212-6610.

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**ITEM 17**



# Press Release

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## *Senate Redistricting Subcommittee Calls Second Public Input Forum a Success*

Tonight the Senate subcommittee responsible for initiating the redistricting process held its second input forum in Columbia. This was the second of six public forums that concern the redistricting process in the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will comply with federal law. It also allows citizens to have input about what communities with similar interests should remain together. This subcommittee will be holding four additional public input forums throughout the state during the month of April. The next hearing is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, in the J. Verne Smith T.R.C. Auditorium at the Greenville Technical College in Greenville. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, you can get directions by calling the Greenville Technical College information line at **864-250-8177**.

Tonight's forum was attended by approximately seventy-five people and groups and individuals gave presentations from Richland, Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Sumter Counties. Speakers included representatives from both local and state branches of the Democratic and Republican parties as well as representatives from concerned citizens groups that may be affected in the 2001 redistricting process. Also in attendance were members of various county councils and local election officials who were concerned about the ease of administering new district lines that might be drawn as a part of this process.

Prior to beginning tonight's proceedings, the Redistricting Subcommittee chair Senator McConnell (R)--Charleston delivered a statement to the audience concerning the ground rules for participation. They are: (1) ***Be clear and explain why***: For example, indicate if the comments refer to congressional or senate districts. The subcommittee will have maps available for participants to identify and circle areas they consider to be communities of interest. (2) ***Be brief***: The subcommittee wants to afford everyone the opportunity to express themselves fully and effectively. Methods are available for submitting written comments, which will be given the same consideration as oral testimony. (3) ***Be Prepared***: Help the subcommittee to receive this important information and facilitate the process.

The mission of these forums is to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, the subcommittee will be seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest."

The next public input forum is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, in the J. Verne Smith T.R.C. Auditorium at the Greenville Technical College in Greenville. Additional public interest forums will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Aiken, on April 11<sup>th</sup> in North Charleston, and on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill. All of these public input forums will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. For additional information about the Senate redistricting process and the public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm>.

These public input forums will offer a valuable opportunity for the public to work with the subcommittee members in developing the guidelines that will be used for drawing the redistricting plans.

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**ITEM 18**



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## *North Charleston to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

Charleston County will be host of one of six public interest forums being conducted by a South Carolina State Senate subcommittee dealing with the 2001 reapportionment and redistricting process. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law.

The forum will be held on **Wednesday, April 11, 2001, on the second floor of the 410 Building, at the main campus of Trident Technical College in North Charleston.** The forum will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should last for approximately three hours. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, call the Trident Technical College information line at 843-574-6301. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

**People living in Charleston, Beaufort, Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg counties are strongly encouraged to attend.** This is one of six public forums to be held throughout the state. In some cases, a county may be included in more than one regional hearing. Public participation in these forums will be an integral part of making the 2001 reapportionment process a success.

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**ITEM 19**



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## *Greenville to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

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**ITEM 20**



# Press Release

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## *Senate Redistricting Subcommittee Calls Third Public Input Forum a Success*

Last night, the Senate subcommittee responsible for initiating the redistricting process held its third public input forum in Greenville. This was the third of six public forums that concern the redistricting process in the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will comply with federal law. It also allows citizens to have input about what communities with similar interests should remain together. This subcommittee will be holding three additional public input forums throughout the state during the month of April. The next public input forum will be held on *Wednesday, April 11, 2001, on the second floor of the 410 Building, at the main campus of Trident Technical College in North Charleston. The forum will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. and should last for approximately three hours. If you are unfamiliar with the location and need directions, call the Trident Technical College information line at 843-574-6301. For more information about this and the other public input forums, please visit the General Assembly website at <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.*

Last night's forum was attended by approximately fifty people and seven people from Greenville, Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union counties gave presentations. Speakers included representatives from both local and state branches of the Democratic and Republican parties as well as representatives from the local branch of the NAACP and concerned citizens groups that may be affected in the 2001 redistricting process. Also in attendance were members of various county councils and local election officials who were concerned about the ease of administering new district lines that might be drawn as a part of this process.

Prior to beginning last night's proceedings, the Redistricting Subcommittee chair Senator McConnell (R)--Charleston delivered a statement to the audience concerning the ground rules for participation. They are: (1) *Be clear and explain why:* For example, indicate if the comments refer to congressional or senate districts. The subcommittee will have maps available for participants to identify and circle areas they consider to be communities of interest. (2) *Be brief:* The subcommittee wants to afford everyone the opportunity to express themselves fully and effectively. Methods are available for submitting written comments, which will be given the same consideration as oral testimony. (3) *Be Prepared:* Help the subcommittee to receive this important information and facilitate the process.

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**ITEM 21**



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## *Rock Hill to Host Forum on 2001 Reapportionment*

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**ITEM 23**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Senator Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman  
DATE: April 18, 2001  
RE: Reapportionment Subcommittee Meeting

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Debbie Hammond in my office at (803) 212-6634 (or at her e-mail address: [ddh@scsenate.org](mailto:ddh@scsenate.org)).

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**ITEM 24**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Senator Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman

DATE: April 18, 2001

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You are being notified of this meeting because you have previously expressed an interest in being contacted about any meetings relating to redistricting or you signed an attendance sheet at one of the public hearings. If you are interested in being placed on our permanent contact list and being contacted about all future meetings of the Reapportionment Subcommittee, please fill out the self-addressed enclosed card and return it to my office.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Debbie Hammond in my office at (803) 212-6634 (or at her e-mail address: [ddh@scsenate.org](mailto:ddh@scsenate.org)).

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Enclosure

**ITEM 25**



# Press Release

For Immediate Release

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Office of Senate Judiciary  
101 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
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## *Subcommittee Declares First Round of Public Input Forums a Success*

On April 16, the Senate subcommittee responsible for initiating the redistricting process concluded its first round of public input forums in Aiken, South Carolina, at Aiken Technical College. This was the last of six public forums that concern the redistricting process in the Senate. Senate and congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is taken to meet the requirements of federal law. This process ensures that districts will be redrawn in a way that will comply with federal law. It also allows citizens to have input about what communities with similar interests should remain together. In addition to Aiken, the first round of public input forums included visits to Florence, Columbia, Greenville, North Charleston, and Rock Hill.

Approximately 325 people from throughout South Carolina's forty-six counties attended the first round of forums. Speakers at each of these forums included representatives from both local and state branches of the Democratic and Republican parties as well as representatives from the local branches of the NAACP and concerned citizens groups that may be affected in the 2001 redistricting process. Also in attendance were members of various town, city, and county councils in addition to members of both the House of Representatives and Senate. Participants also included local election officials who were concerned about the ease of administering new district lines that might be drawn as a part of this process.

The mission of the first round of forums was to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live, and also what factors they feel are important in how their districts are redrawn. In particular, the subcommittee was seeking specific information about existing "communities of interest." South Carolina was specifically mentioned in a story that was published in the April 13<sup>th</sup> issue of the Richmond, Virginia daily newspaper, "The Times-Dispatch," concerning the redistricting process.

When asked about the level of response from the public, Senate President Pro Tempore and Subcommittee Chair, Glenn F. McConnell, (R)--Charleston, stated, *"I am encouraged by the participation from people throughout South Carolina...these forums have allowed the public to meet with members of the Senate in an environment that was friendly to everyone involved. We were able to show the people of South Carolina that we care about their concerns and will try to protect their wishes whenever possible."*

The Senate subcommittee responsible for initiating the redistricting process will now use the information gained in this series of public input forums to begin work on developing the criteria that will be used for accepting plans that may be submitted by members of the public and other interested groups. South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor the progress of the 2001 redistricting process on our website. It can be found by logging onto <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm>. The redistricting subcommittee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on April 25, 2001, in Room 209 of the Gressette Building in Columbia.

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**ITEM 26**



# Media Advisory

For Immediate Release

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## *Redistricting Committee to Meet April 25, 2001*

The Senate subcommittee charged with initiating the 2001 redistricting process announced that it would be meeting on April 25, 2001 to discuss the participation and testimony given at the six public input forums that were held throughout the state during the month of April.

The subcommittee will be meeting at **9:30 A.M. on April 25, 2001.** **The meeting will be held in room 209 of the Gressette (Senate) Office Building in Columbia.** The public is strongly encouraged and welcome to attend.

Information concerning the 2001 Redistricting process may be found by visiting our website <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm>.

For more information about the redistricting subcommittee meeting please contact the 2001 redistricting subcommittee staff at 803-212-6610.

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**ITEM 27**



# Press Release

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## *Redistricting Committee Announces Criteria and Time Line for Public Submissions*

Today, Senator Glenn McConnell, (R)--Charleston, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reaffirmed that the 2001 redistricting subcommittee desires to receive additional data and other related information from the general public concerning the redistricting of South Carolina's 46 Senate and 6 congressional districts.

In restating the declaration he made to the Senate and the people of South Carolina on March 14, 2001, Senator McConnell made the following statement: "Since this subcommittee was formed, it has been our goal to give the people of South Carolina an opportunity to not only stay informed about all aspects of the Senate's redistricting process but to become an active and integral part of it. These suggestions for making proposals as well as generally sharing information with the subcommittee will help the public in making their voices heard and opinions considered."

The 2001 Senate Redistricting Subcommittee, as part of its ongoing commitment to ensuring meaningful public participation and compliance with all legal requirements, encourages the submission of proposals for redistricting plans from the general public, concerned citizens groups, and political parties. The Redistricting Subcommittee has taken great care to identify and develop guidelines that will make this process equitable and accessible to the people of South Carolina. To make this process as efficient as possible, the subcommittee requests that all interested parties provide input and data, [including redistricting plans on a statewide or individual district basis illustrating or defining such data], on some or all of the following issues *no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2001*. Subsequent to the receipt of this data, the subcommittee will make such data available to all interested parties for further comment and review. The request for information and positions on issues include the following:

1. The legal standard for avoiding retrogression of minority voting strength under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and whether retrogression in South Carolina Senate districts is avoidable given current demographic data and legal requirements.
2. Specifically identify the legal benchmark for measuring retrogression under Section 5 on a statewide and/or district-by-district basis.
3. Whether it is possible to increase the number of majority-minority districts and whether the failure to do so would constitute unlawful vote dilution.
4. The voting age population percentage needed to provide African-Americans with an equal opportunity to elect the representative of their choice, throughout the State or in various parts of the State, and any supporting data.
5. Any data relating to the existence of racial bloc voting, cohesive minority voting and the percentages needed to provide minority voters an opportunity to elect their preferred candidate.



6. Whether the avoidance of retrogression and/or a Section 2 violation constitutes a compelling government interest sufficient to justify race-conscious redistricting under *Shaw v. Reno* and subsequent cases.
7. Whether the splitting of VTDs (precincts), municipal or county boundaries, or the creation of non-compact districts, is (1) required under Section 5 or Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and (2) permissible under *Shaw v. Reno* (and subsequent cases) if done to maintain existing majority-minority districts or otherwise avoid retrogression.
8. Identify all current House, Senate, or Congressional districts, which violate the standards, set forth in *Shaw* and a specific description of redistricting policies or practices which violate *Shaw*.
9. Any other data or analysis bearing on voting rights and *Shaw* issues, including any proposed statewide redistricting plans, proposed majority-minority districts, or minority opportunity districts.

All submissions should be made in writing and on computer disk or CD and delivered to the subcommittee for consideration. It is the goal of the 2001 Senate Redistricting Subcommittee to make this process open and accessible to all of South Carolina's people. The subcommittee will work to incorporate the information gained from the six statewide hearings concerning communities of interest as well as any proposals and other information received from the public, concerned citizens groups, and political parties to deliver a redistricting plan that is truly reflective of the people in this State. More information concerning the 2001 redistricting process can be found on the subcommittee website. Please visit our website: <http://www.scstatehouse.net>.

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**ITEM 28**



June 19, 2001 Address by  
Senator Glenn F. McConnell to the members of the South  
Carolina State Senate

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished fellow members of the Senate. I want to give you a brief update today on the progress of the 2001 Redistricting Subcommittee.

First, let me go back for a moment to my remarks from March so that I may properly inform you concerning our progress from the very beginning of this very important process. I directed my staff to arrange six public input forums that were conducted throughout the State during the month of April. These forums were specifically organized to gather information about how citizens see themselves and the areas in which they live. Several hundred people attended these forums throughout the State. Before continuing, I want to applaud the members of this body that sent a letter to

interested parties in their district and to also thank those of you who attended the forum in your area.

After the subcommittee completed the public input forums during April of this year, we developed the criteria and proper procedures for submitting proposed reapportionment plans from members of the general public.

Next, our legal staff began meeting with each member of this body to discuss the current make-up of their district by comparing their present district boundaries with the 2001 population statistics that have been furnished to the Senate by the US Census Bureau. If you have not done so, please make an appointment with Ms. Debbie Hammond to do so.

We have not drawn a single line for any Senator. We are all in the same position. I want to assure you that no member of this body has received any preferential treatment in the redistricting process.

The subcommittee has developed a series of suggested questions that people should consider when providing submissions or further testimony on how South Carolina's forty-six Senate districts should be drawn. These questions were distributed to you on June 6, 2001 and mailed to all interested parties. These questions address what I term "cutting edge" demographic and legal issues. We will complete the information gathering process on July 9, 2001.

After analyzing and compiling the information we have received from the U.S. Census Bureau, our public input forums and all public submissions we will begin

drawing. I estimate that I will give staff the direction to begin drawing sometime in late July. Our staff will draw our redistricting plan based on your individual input, testimony from the public input forums, any and all public submissions as well as the application of applicable law and relevant court decisions.

Briefly, I would like to outline the schedule for how the redistricting plan will be handled. First, the Judiciary Committee staff will draft a statewide redistricting plan. After the plan is drafted, the plan will be given to the redistricting subcommittee for consideration. After the plan has been considered and amended, if necessary, it will be sent to the full Judiciary Committee for consideration. After the full committee has considered and adopted this plan it will be turned into bill form for consideration by the full Senate. We will employ the same process for the

Congressional plan; all three redistricting plans will travel in the same legislative vehicle.

We have a unique opportunity to show the people of South Carolina that the Upper Chamber of the South Carolina General Assembly is a truly bi-partisan body that cares about the concerns of the people and will focus on drawing Senate and congressional districts that are truly a part of the communities they represent. This is not a task that we can allow to become mired in controversy. We must work together on this plan as Senators that work in this hallowed chamber. Because of this need to show the public of our commitment, I have determined to not prolong the Redistricting Session beyond September 20, 2001 unless there is a 31 vote, bipartisan support for the reapportionment legislation.

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**ITEM 29**



July 11, 2001

Re: Invitation for Public Comments on Materials Submitted  
To Senate Redistricting Committee

Dear Interested Party:

The South Carolina Senate Judiciary Redistricting Committee has received certain redistricting proposals and other data from various parties and seeks public review and comment on the materials submitted to the Committee. In order to make the information submitted available for public inspection, the information submitted in electronic format has been placed on the Committee's website. The website address is: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/senred.htm>. All other documents may be reviewed at the Committee offices at 104 Gressette Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

The Redistricting Committee is continuing to seek public input and invites your review and comments to assist it in preparing a plan for submission to the full Senate. In order to have time to review any additional public comments or submissions prior to the development of a Senate staff draft reapportionment plan, please submit any written comments or proposals to the Committee by July 18, 2001. The Senate requests that any data or redistricting plans be submitted in a format compatible with Maptitude Redistricting Software.

Thank you for your interest in this very important process.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Couick

MNC/dh

**ITEM 30**



# Press Release

For Immediate Release

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## *Senate Committee Announces Update to 2001 Reapportionment Website*

Today, Senator Glenn McConnell (R)--Charleston, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced the update of the South Carolina Senate 2001 Reapportionment Website. This website is one of only a few sponsored by state legislatures or other redistricting entities throughout the nation. The website can be accessed by logging onto <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm>.

This website was created after Senator McConnell's remarks to the Senate on March 14, 2001, to follow his approach for making our state government and the Senate's 2001 reapportionment process open and accessible to the people of South Carolina.

The update of the 2001 Reapportionment website includes a revised chart that illustrates non-voting populations that are contained in South Carolina's Forty-six senate and six congressional districts. Non-voting population(s) are typically defined as residential hospitals, colleges or universities, and correctional institutions. The website also includes information collected by the committee from interested parties that submitted full or partial redistricting plans for South Carolina's Senate or Congressional districts. Information was submitted by: The American Civil Liberties Union/Southern Poverty Law Center, the Spartanburg County Republican Party, The South Carolina Senate Republican Caucus and Senator Robert Ford. Concerned citizens in Colleton County also submitted information and testimony regarding the redistricting process.

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The staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee is in the process of drafting a staff plan for evaluation by the redistricting subcommittee and the full Senate. Prior to debate by the Senate, the 2001 Redistricting committee will hold a public interest forum to accept testimony and comments regarding the 2001 Reapportionment plan in Columbia in early August. For more information on the reapportionment process or the public input forum, please visit our website, <http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist1.htm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Senate Judiciary Committee at 803-212-6610.

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**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE****Plans Submitted to Senate Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee****Plans Submitted by the ACLU**

The block equivalency files listed below may be downloaded to your system in DBF file format.

- SC Congressional [Plan A](#) (3,396kb. DBF) [Map](#) (101kb JPG)
- SC Congressional [Plan B](#) (3,396kb. DBF) [Map](#) (109kb JPG)
- SC Congressional [Plan C](#) (3,396kb. DBF) [Map](#) (92kb JPG)
- SC Senate [Plan](#) (3,396kb. DBF) [Plan Map](#) (113kb JPG)
- SC House [Plan](#) (3,396kb. DBF) [Map](#) (115kb JPG)
- [Parameters of the Law](#) (Word)
- [Report of John C. Ruoff, Ph.D. for ACLU](#) (PDF)
- [Supplement to the 2001 Voting Rights Act Compliance Exhibits](#) (Word)

**NOTE:** Visual representation of the proposals are available for review at the Judiciary Committee office - Room 104 Gressette Building.

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**Plan & Data Submitted by the Spartanburg County Republican Party**

- [Redistricting Proposal](#) (Word)
- [Recommended Division of Congressional Districts Among Counties](#) (XLS)
- [Racial Make up of Recommended Division of Congressional Districts](#) (XLS)

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**Information Submitted by the South Carolina Senate Republican Caucus**

- [Response to Request for Information](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 30](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 19](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 21](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 17](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 32](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 36](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 39](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 42](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 45](#) (Word)
- [Proposed District 07](#) (Word)

**NOTE:** The documents & information listed below are available for review at the Judiciary Committee Office - Room 104 Gressette Building:

- Visual representation of the proposals
  - Testimony of Professors Lowen and Arrington
  - Demographic data and statistics
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**Colleton County**

- [Colleton County Concerns](#) (Word)
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**Senator Robert Ford**

- [Letter](#) (Word)
- Congressional [Plan](#) (6.7MB DBF) [Map](#) (98kb JPG)

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**Concerned Citizens From Dorchester County**

- [Letter to Committee \(Word\)](#)
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**The Honorable Henry E. Brown, Jr., First Congressional District of South Carolina**

- [The Congressman's Statement](#)
- Hard copy of proposed maps are available in Judiciary Committee Offices.

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**ITEM 31**



August 2, 2001

Re: Notice of Release of Draft Staff Reapportionment Plans

Dear Interested Party:

The Redistricting Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has directed the staff to prepare draft Senate and Congressional redistricting plans in accordance with the subcommittee's redistricting guidelines after reviewing all submissions and comments from interested parties. Various parties submitted proposals and comments by July 18, 2001 to the subcommittee which have been reviewed by the staff. The draft staff plan is nearing completion and will be made available to the public for review and comment on Monday, August 6, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. The staff plan redistricting Senate districts may be reviewed and downloaded from the Senate Judiciary Committee's website after 10:00 a.m. The website can be located at:

[www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/senred.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/senred.htm)

The draft staff Congressional redistricting plan will be made available to the public on the website on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, after 2:00 p.m.

In order for the Subcommittee to continue its work and consider any suggestions or additional proposals to the draft staff plans, any new submissions must be provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001. As with previous submissions, please provide any data or redistricting plans in a form consistent with the Public Submissions requirements adopted by the subcommittee on April 26, 2001. Please note the specific requirements contained in paragraph 3 of the Public Submissions Guidelines at:

[www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/pubsub.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/pubsub.htm)

The Redistricting Subcommittee will be meeting to review the draft staff plans and any new proposals and comments starting on August 13, 2001 as part of the special session of the General Assembly called to consider Senate, House of Representatives, and Congressional decennial redistricting. The Subcommittee will hold a public hearing on August 13, 2001 to receive testimony on any proposals submitted for review.

The Subcommittee invites your suggestions and comments in this important process. Please contact the Judiciary Committee staff (Debbie Hammond at 803-212-6634) if you have any questions about the required form of any submission that you may wish to provide for consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Glenn F. McConnell

GFM/dh

**ITEM 32**



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**ITEM 34**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 105 of the Gressette Building, in Columbia, South Carolina, to solicit comments or suggestions concerning proposed State Senate and U.S. Congressional reapportionment plans.

Persons wishing to speak at the public hearing should contact Debbie Hammond at (803) 212-6634 by Friday, August 10, 2001, at 12:00 noon.

The subcommittee has adopted a public submissions policy that requires review of any redistricting plan developed outside the Senate to ensure that it meets minimum guidelines governing the form of the submission prior to acceptance by the subcommittee. If a member of the public would like to submit a plan for the subcommittee's consideration, he must contact Mike Couick at (803) 212-6623.

In order to present a plan to the subcommittee at the public hearing on August 13, the plan must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001.

The subcommittee encourages any person who may have questions about this meeting or any other aspect of the reapportionment process to contact Mike Couick at (803) 212-6623.