

Pros & Cons of # of County Commission Districts

Common Issues w/all CCD & SBD plans (10, 14, & 18)

- Need equal population in each CCD
- Need equal population in each SBD
- Max of 6,000 voters per precinct
- Confusion for voters with precinct & polling place changes
- Need to have the best plan to carry us through the next 10 years

10 County Commission Districts & 7 School Board Districts (or 5 SBDs if PA is amended)

PROS

- Least changes to equalize CCDs with current plan of 10 CCDs.
- Proportion of 2 CCDs per 1 SBD which equates district lines.
- Would even out population in each CCD

CONS

- Least representation of the community (of these 3 options). Each CCD would have 13,528 population with equal population in each CCD.
- Considerable CCD and precinct changes will occur due to population shifts.
- Cannot have equal population in CCDs AND SBDs at the same time with this configuration.
- Cannot line up the school board districts without an amended private act to change the number of school board districts. Cannot take place until spring of 22.
- If the private act cannot be amended/repealed, we still have school board splits. School Board splits create confusion with voters, distrust in the ballot and/or voting machine, appearance of “voter suppression”, “why vote” attitude, etc. If we have a chance to make it less confusing, we would be remiss not doing it.
- First day to pick up petitions for school board is Feb. 7, 2022. Legislation will not be complete until later in March or April. Unless an extension is granted, April 7 at noon is the qualifying deadline.

14 County Commission Districts & 7 School Board Districts

PROS

- Would require a little more work than 10 CCDs - moving more census blocks over 4 more CCDs.
- Would help ensure a better representation of the community.
- SBD lines would fall on top of CCD lines (2 CCDs for 1 SBD).
- Would NOT require a Private Act to be changed and therefore be able to finalize redistricting by the deadline of Jan. 1, 2022. No extensions needed.
- Can fix some multiple city/county boundary splits or at least not have multiple cities at one precinct
- Fixes a few current precincts with more ideal polling places (get out of churches and more in publicly owned buildings)

CONS

- 1st day to pick up petitions is Dec. 20 - time crunch
- Redrawn CCD and SBD lines could cause voter confusion.
- A lot more of the county effected.

18 County Commission Districts & 6 School Board Districts

PROS

- Opportunity to create a more representative county commission.

CONS

- Would require a lot more work and affect the majority of the county and more postage.
- May not find a school or publicly owned building (tier 1) to locate new precincts.
- Would require an amended private act to change the number of school board districts.
- Would require 36 polling places (addition of 5)
- Would require new election equipment to handle 5 more polling places (\$165,000).
- Would require 15 more poll pads (\$16,500)
- Would require about 45 more poll workers (\$7000)
- Would require more supplies for the new polling places (\$1000).
- Net effect would cost the county just under \$200,000

NOTE: Voting Centers would have and can (in the future) lessen the complicated nature of redistricting to voters and officials. The precinct boundaries are removed and voters vote wherever it's convenient for them on Election Day.