

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FIVE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RESIDENCE AREAS; FINDING THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE NECESSARY TO DISTRIBUTE THE POPULATION OF CLAY COUNTY AS EQUAL AS POSSIBLE IN EACH DISTRICT; DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF EACH OF THE FIVE DISTRICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes, confers upon the School Board of Clay County, Florida, the authority to make any change in the boundaries of any school board member residence area which it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes, requires that school board member residence areas be, as nearly as practical, equal in population; and

WHEREAS, the ten year census has demonstrated the populations of the five member residence areas are unequal; and

WHEREAS, a plan for redistricting has been submitted to the board, the approval of which plan has been recommended by the Superintendent of Clay County District Schools.

WHEREAS, the School Board held a public hearing on the date of adoption hereof to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the proposed redistricting plan, to receive public comment thereon, and to consider any alternative plans submitted by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to approve and adopt a plan for redistricting of the five district school board member residence areas as hereinafter provided and to provide directions with respect thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, that:

Section 1, Findings: The School Board hereby finds that the plan for redistricting the five district school board member residence areas approved and adopted by virtue hereof:

- (a) Is based entirely upon the 2020 Post Census total population figures for Clay County, Florida, supplied by the United States Census Bureau;
- (b) Results in district populations that are as nearly equal as practical and possible;
- (c) Provides for an overall range of district populations not in excess of 10 percent, to wit: 6.4 percent;
- (d) Utilizes significant geophysical and geopolitical features for district boundaries (such as water bodies, railroad, major roadways and municipal/county boundaries);
- (e) Avoids use of section, township, range or other survey lines not readily apparent in the field;
- (f) Avoids irregular and oddly shaped districts in favor of logically and uniformly shaped districts; and
- (g) Complies with the requirements of Florida general law, the Constitution of the State of Florida, the Voting Rights Act, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2, Adoption of Plan: The School Board hereby formally adopts the plan for redistricting of the five district school board member residence areas as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, the five districts being more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto.

Section 3, Directions: The School Board hereby directs the Board Chair and Secretary to:

- (1) Record this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida;
- (2) Publish this Resolution at least once in a newspaper published in the district within 30 days after adoption;
- (3) Transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Department of State.

Section 4, Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2021, by the School Board of Clay County, Florida.

SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____

MARY BOLLA, Board Chair, District 4

By _____

JANICE KEREKES, District 1

By _____

BETH CLARK, District 2

By _____

TINA BULLOCK, District 3

By _____

ASHLEY GILHOUSEN, District 5

ATTEST:

DAVID BROSKIE, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form by:

J. BRUCE BICKNER, School Board Attorney

