

County of Sumter)

State of South Carolina)

Resolution

WHEREAS, Sumter County Council, in Sumter, South Carolina in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Section 4-9-90 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, as amended) and the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, has determined that it is necessary for Council to begin the process of reviewing Sumter County Council's electoral districts for the election of its members in accordance with the final results of the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, During Sumter County Council's Special Meeting held on August 16, 2011, in County Council's Chambers the seated members of County Council (Chairman, Eugene R. Baten, Vice Chairman Larry Blanding, Artie Baker, Jimmy Byrd, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Naomi D. Sanders), reviewed the following criteria provided to them from the South Carolina Office Of Research and Statistics:

1. Adhere to the court ordered constitutional requirement of one person, one vote;
 - a. County Councils must adhere to a state law of population variance under 10%
2. Adherence to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and by controlling court decisions;
3. Ensure that parts of the districts are contiguous;
4. Respect Communities of Interest;
5. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency;
6. Avoid splitting voting precincts;
7. Solicit public input.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Sumter County Council does hereby adopt the seven aforementioned criteria to be used in reviewing and developing a plan to define the electoral districts for the election of members of Sumter County Council in accordance with the final results of the 2010 Census.

PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 16th DAY OF August 2011.

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL



By Its:

Eugene R. Baten
Chairman

Attest:

Mary Blanding
Clerk to County Council