



# The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the Florida House of Representatives  
**From:** Chris Sprowls, Speaker  
**Date:** February 25, 2022  
**Re:** Redistricting Committee - Amendment

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Last night, an amendment to HB 7503 was filed for consideration at today's Redistricting Committee meeting. This amendment contains a primary map ([H000C8017](#)) that addresses concerns about the shape of Congressional District 5 by creating a more compact North Florida district that should enable minority voters to elect the candidates of their choice. We believe this solution creates a singular exception to the diminishment standard. The amendment also contains a secondary map ([H000C8015](#)), which is postured to take immediate effect should the courts find the primary map's North Florida configuration illegal. This secondary map is one the Legislature knows is legally compliant under current law and keeps the previously-proposed configuration of District 5.

Outside of the districts impacted by the change to District 5, the structure of both maps is exactly the same throughout the rest of the state. The amendment also includes other adjustments that have been made – the same in both maps – to bring us more in alignment with our Senate partners so we can bring this process in for a landing prior to the conclusion of regular session.

I appreciate all Members' continued dedication to this once-in-a-decade process and to getting it right. We hope this option provides a pathway for passage by the House and Senate, and ultimate clarity for Floridians going into the 2022 election cycle.