

**Supreme Court of Virginia
Redistricting Final Order
and
Approved Maps**

VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the
City of Richmond on Tuesday the 28th day of December, 2021.*

Present: All the Justices

In Re: Decennial Redistricting Pursuant to
The Constitution of Virginia, art. II, §§ 6 to 6-A,
and Virginia Code § 30-399

**FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING VOTING DISTRICTS
FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA, THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF VIRGINIA,
AND VIRGINIA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

Following the process provided in § 30-399 of the Code of Virginia, upon the failure of the Virginia Redistricting Commission to submit a redistricting plan by the governing statutory deadlines, the Supreme Court of Virginia assumed responsibility for the establishment of voting districts for the Senate of Virginia, the Virginia House of Delegates, and for Virginia's representatives to the United States House of Representatives as provided by Article II, §§ 6 to 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia and Virginia Code § 30-399. The Constitution requires that this responsibility be completed "in the year 2021 and every ten years thereafter." Va. Const. art. II, § 6.*

The Court has reviewed the proposed final redistricting maps and the accompanying explanatory memorandum prepared by the Special Masters dated December 27, 2021 ("Final Memorandum"), and has considered the extensive public comment, including comments submitted in writing to the Clerk of Court, comments made on the online interactive maps, and comments made directly to the Court during its public hearings on December 15 and 17, 2021. The redistricting plan and maps, jointly prepared by the Court's Special Masters, Dr. Bernard Grofman and Mr. Sean Trende, include a single redistricting map for the Senate of Virginia, a single redistricting map for the Virginia House of Delegates, and a single redistricting map for Virginia's representatives to the United States House of Representatives as posted on the

* See generally A. E. Dick Howard, *Commentaries on the Constitution of Virginia* 416-17 (1974) (citing 1952 Op. Atty. Gen. 85).

Supreme Court of Virginia’s public website at Supreme Court of Virginia Final Order and Approved Maps and labelled *SCV Final Map Congressional Districts 12.27.2021*, *SCV Final Map Senate Districts 12.27.2021*, and *SCV Final Map House of Delegates Districts 12.27.2021* (collectively referred to as “Final Redistricting Maps”).

The Court unanimously finds that in preparing the Final Redistricting Maps, the Special Masters have followed the Court’s instructions and have fully complied with federal and state law in the following order of precedence:

- The United States Constitution, particularly Article I, Section 2, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment;
- Applicable federal statutes, particularly the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 52 U.S.C. § 10301;
- The Constitution of Virginia, particularly Article II, Sections 6 to 6-A; and
- Applicable Virginia statutes, particularly Code §§ 30-399(E), 24.2-304.04, and any other relevant provision in Chapter 3 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The Final Redistricting Maps prepared by the Special Masters are fully compliant with constitutional and statutory law applied, as the Court directed, in an apolitical and nonpartisan manner.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons and under the constitutional and statutory authority of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court unanimously ORDERS that:

(1) The Final Redistricting Maps and Final Memorandum prepared by the Special Masters and posted on the Supreme Court’s public website at Supreme Court of Virginia Final Order and Approved Maps are incorporated herein by reference and are approved and adopted and, effective immediately, the Final Redistricting Maps shall constitute and establish the voting districts for the Virginia House of Delegates, the Senate of Virginia, and for Virginia’s representatives to the United States House of Representatives;

(2) The State Board of Elections and the Virginia Department of Elections shall immediately implement the voting districts established by the Final Redistricting Maps to ensure that the 2022 Congressional elections, and any future regular primary or general elections that may be held for the Virginia Senate, Virginia House of Delegates, and Congress will proceed as scheduled. Any further use of current voting districts as set forth in Virginia Code §§ 24.2-304.03 (House of Delegates districts), 24.2-303.3 (Senate districts), and 24.2-302.2

(Congressional districts) for any regular primary or general election is prohibited. For any special elections that may be scheduled before the next regular primary or general election for the Virginia Senate, Virginia House of Delegates or United States House of Representatives, the State Board of Elections, and the Virginia Department of Elections will need to determine whether, under the particular circumstances presented, the Final Redistricting Maps should be used.

(3) The Clerk of Court shall forward copies of this Order to: the Honorable Richard L. Saslaw, Senate of Virginia; the Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Senate of Virginia; the Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn, Virginia House of Delegates; the Honorable C. Todd Gilbert, Virginia House of Delegates; the Honorable Susan Clarke Schaar, the Clerk of the Senate of Virginia; the Honorable Suzette Denslow, the Clerk of the House of Delegates of Virginia; Amigo R. Wade, the Director of the Division of Legislative Services; and to the Reporter of Decisions for publication in the Virginia Reports.

It is so ORDERED.



Donald W. Lemons
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia
on behalf of a unanimous Supreme Court of Virginia

Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn

Justice William C. Mims

Justice Cleo E. Powell

Justice D. Arthur Kelsey

Justice Stephen R. McCullough

Justice Teresa M. Chafin

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[Special Masters' Final Memorandum \(pdf\) 12/27/2021](#)

