

# Louisiana Registrars of Voters Convention 2017

## District Creation Criteria

### ■ Traditional Redistricting Principles

- Contiguity
- Compactness
- Communities of Interest
- Core Districts

### ■ Legal Requirements

- Population Equality
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Louisiana State Law

## Legal Requirements: Louisiana State Law

### ■ Revised Statutes:

- School Board: ***17:71.1 – 17:71.7***
- Local Governments: ***33:382; 33:1371; 33:1411***
- Precincts: ***18:532; 18:532.1***
- Reapportionment/Census: ***18:532; 18:532.1; 18:1901; 18:1906; 18:1921***

## Timeline: Census/Redistricting/Elections

### 2017

- Census Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP) Ends
- Census Voting District Project (VDP) Begins

### 2018

- VDP Continues
- Prospective Precinct Ordinance Deadline (Dec 31, 2018)

### 2019

- VDP ends

### 2020

- Census Day

### 2021

- Census Data Reported to Louisiana (PL 94-171 Redistricting Data)

### 2022

- Congressional Elections
- School Board Elections
- PSC Elections
- Majority of Municipal Elections

### 2023

- Legislative Elections
- Gubernatorial Election
- BESE Elections

### 2024

- Various Municipal Elections
- PSC Elections

## Planning for 2017-2018

- Review of Precincts that will be submitted to the Census Bureau
  
- What you need to be planning:
  - Prospective Precinct Change Ordinances Allowed
    - Until December 31, 2018
    - RS 18:532.1
      - Effective not later than January 1, 2020 for Census and reapportionment purposes
      - Effective not later than July 1, 2021 for all purpose
  - Be Proactive!!!
  
- Precinct Freeze: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023
  - Exceptions available to Jurisdictions to accomplish redistricting
    - With strict limits and justifications