

ST. JOHNS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 96

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 02

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A GENERAL PROCEDURE, GOALS AND STANDARDS FOR ACCOMPLISHING REDETERMINATION OF MEMBERS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR BOTH SAID BOARDS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the year 2000 national census has provided updated population location data for St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, Section 124.01 Florida Statutes 2000 requires St. Johns County have five county commission member(s) districts which shall be as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible.

WHEREAS, Section 230.061 Florida Statutes 2000 requires St. Johns County to be divided into School Board member districts which shall be, as nearly as practicable equal in population; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County and the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida (hereinafter Boards) are desirous of cooperation to efficiently adjust their members district boundaries to comply with the above referenced requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County (hereinafter County) and the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida (hereinafter School Board) shall cooperate in jointly adjusting their member district boundaries to establish member districts with equal population to the extent possible and practicable. The district boundaries shall be the same for each Board.

2. This joint redistricting project shall be coordinated by Penny Halyburton, St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections, subject to specific directions of the subject boards and applicable law.

3. (a) Mr. John Libby, d/b/a American Public Dialogue, 2117 University Blvd. South, P.O., Box 10669, Jacksonville, Florida 32247-0669, is hereby selected and retained to make all necessary proposals to the Boards for

proper redistricting of the member districts for each Board, which proposals shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal law. In accomplishing this the cost billed to the County shall not exceed \$15,000 based on rates (or proposal) dated March 12, 2001, copy attached. Invoices for such work shall be subject to the approval of the Supervisor of Elections, submitted to and paid by the County; with one half of such cost then reimbursed by the School Board to the County.

- (b) The County hereby transfers and budgets from General Fund Reserves \$15,000 for such expenses.
- 4. (a) Various advertisements as required by law and deemed appropriate by said Boards shall be made to inform the public of the redistricting. The St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections shall make recommendations to both Boards of the text of such advertisements, and the appropriate media, and dates. The cost of such advertisement shall be invoiced to and paid by St. Johns County with one half of such cost reimbursed from the School Board to the County.
- (b) The County hereby transfers from General Fund Reserves and budgets for said advertising a sum of \$10,000.

5, The Supervisor of Elections and Mr. John Libby, d/b/a American Public Dialogue, are hereby directed to take and recommend action for completion of this redistricting process by November 1, 2001.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 8th day of May, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Mary F. Kohnke
Mary F. Kohnke, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Juanne King
Deputy Clerk

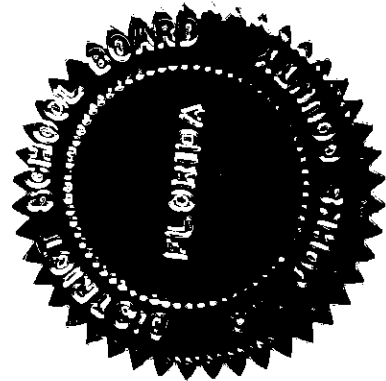
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida, this 15th
day of May, 2001.

SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Judith M. Ham
, Chair

ATTEST:

By: Laura J. Cooper



**Proposal to Provide Reapportionment Services
To St. Johns County, Florida**

**American
Public
Dialogue**

April, 2001

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March 12, 2001

Honorable Penny Halyburton
Supervisor of Elections
St. Johns County, Florida
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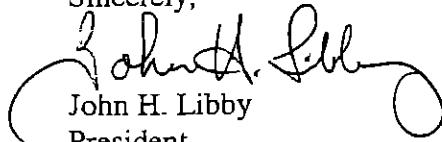
Dear Ms. Halyburton,

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2000 Census Data for Florida on March 27. I have reviewed the data over the weekend and can now make a more educated estimate of the time and cost to reapportion St. Johns County's Commission and School Board Districts. St. Johns County has exhibited dynamic growth over the last decade. The growth has not been proportional throughout the county, suggesting that there will be a need for significant changes to the current district boundaries. American Public Dialogue can assist St. Johns County in its 2001 reapportionment for a fee not to exceed \$15,000.00.

The official Census population for St. Johns County is 123,135. This is an increase in population of 39,306 or a 46.9% increase. The ideal 1990 population for each of St. Johns County's five districts was 16,766. The 2001 ideal district population is 24,627.

I have included several attachments including population tables, a calendar for reapportionment and our revised fees.

Sincerely,



John H. Libby
President
American Public Dialogue

Proposed Calendar for St. Johns County Reapportionment

Week of May 7, 2001 - Begin Reapportionment Process

Task 1 - Hold preliminary meetings between American Public Dialogue and the St. Johns County Commission and School Board to discuss specifics of the reapportionment process. A discussion of population growth in St. Johns County over the last decade and how it relates to reapportionment should be part of the agenda. The agenda should also include the legal requirements for a successful plan.

Task 2 – Begin the preparation of a *Citizens Guide to Reapportionment*. This document should include information about the reapportionment process, the 1991 districts and the 2000 population distribution. Much of this information should also be available on the County's web pages.

Week of May 14, 2001 - Preliminary Plan Development

Task 1 – Continue the preparation of a *Citizens Guide to Reapportionment* and provide rough draft to the Supervisor of Elections. Final Draft should be complete on May 18, 2001.

Task 2 – Begin the preparation of a preliminary set of Reapportionment plans for St. Johns County.

Week of May 21, 2001 – Presentation of Preliminary Plans

Task 1 – Present Preliminary Reapportionment Plans to the St. Johns County Commission and the School Board.

Task 2 – *Citizens Guide to Reapportionment* available for publication and distribution.

Week of May 28, 2001 – Plan Revisions and Public Hearings

Task 1 – Prepare any revisions based upon input from the County Commission and the School Board.

Task 2 - Begin public hearings on the Reapportionment Plans. There should be one in each current district.

Week of June 4, 2001 – Public Hearings and Final Plan Preparation

Task 1 - Conclude public hearings on the Reapportionment Plans.

Task 2 – Prepare any final revisions based upon public input.

Week of June 11, 2001 – Adoption of 2001 Reapportionment Plan

Task 1 – Meet with the County Commission and School Board to discuss final plan for adoption.

Task 2 – Prepare Meets and Bounds of the 2001 St. Johns County Reapportionment.

Task 3 – St. Johns County Commission and School Board pass legislation adopting the Reapportionment Plan.

St. Johns County Reapportionment	Hours	Cost	Week of 5/7	Week of 5/14	Week of 5/21	Week of 5/28	Week of 6/4	Week of 6/11
Preliminary Meeting with County Commission and School Board	12	\$900.00	\$900.00					
Preparation of Citizens Guide to Reapportionment	20	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00				
Preparation of Preliminary Reapportionment Plans	36	\$2,700.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00			
Presentations to Commission and School Board	8	\$600.00			\$600.00			
Public Hearing in Each of the Five Districts	25	\$1,875.00			\$1,125.00	\$750.00		
Plan Revisions based upon Public Input	12	\$900.00				\$450.00	\$450.00	
Meets and Bounds of Final Plan	6	\$450.00					\$450.00	
Final Plan or Plans Presentation	12	\$900.00					\$450.00	\$450.00
Total	131	\$9,825.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,625.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00	\$450.00

Tract	Total Population	18 Years +	Under 18	% Under 18	White-All Ages	Black- All ages	Asian-All Ages	Native American	All Other Races
202	2,330	2,003	327	14.0%	2,191	62	23	4	50
203	3,277	2,545	732	22.3%	2,205	927	12	23	110
204	2,904	2,544	360	12.4%	1,960	823	12	14	95
205	3,902	3,295	607	15.6%	3,749	50	27	13	63
206	7,347	5,897	1,450	19.7%	7,145	49	47	23	83
207.01	7,985	6,138	1,847	23.1%	7,571	136	112	15	151
207.02	11,974	8,830	3,144	26.3%	11,562	113	145	19	135
207.03	6,891	5,720	1,171	17.0%	6,722	34	64	8	63
208	17,961	12,236	5,725	31.9%	17,028	369	286	33	245
209	7,280	5,465	1,815	24.9%	6,695	352	39	27	167
210.01	6,971	5,036	1,935	27.8%	5,314	1,538	14	23	82
210.02	2,811	1,927	884	31.4%	1,519	1,213	1	9	69
211	7,603	5,500	2,103	27.7%	5,889	1,486	25	25	178
212.01	5,037	3,906	1,131	22.5%	4,728	191	31	16	71
212.02	6,269	5,287	982	15.7%	6,010	90	72	13	84
213.01	4,672	3,544	1,128	24.1%	4,310	191	50	18	103
213.02	5,471	4,163	1,308	23.9%	5,296	49	61	13	52
214.01	7,979	6,748	1,231	15.4%	7,672	57	123	23	104
214.02	4,471	3,952	519	11.6%	4,389	14	28	7	33
St. Johns County	123,135	94,736	28,399	23.1%	111,955	7,744	1,172	326	1,938

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

References for American Public Dialogue

Honorable Penny Halyburton – St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

The 1991 reapportionment of St. Johns County Commission and School Board Seats American Public Dialogue's President John Libby worked with Ms. Halyburton, the St. Johns County Commission and the School Board to provide the county with its current districts. Tasks included the technical aspects of reapportionment as well as presentations at numerous public hearings. The plan was approved by an unanimous vote.

Honorable Don Davis – Current State Representative and former Jacksonville At-large City Council Member

The 1993 reapportionment of Jacksonville's new Residency Area At-Large seats. Duval County voters approved changing the at-large seats from countywide to residency area seats in 1992. American Public Dialogue's President John Libby worked with the City Council's Rules Committee to create the successful plan in use today. Mr. Davis was an at-large member of the City Council at the time of reapportionment.

Honorable John Stafford – Duval County Supervisor of Elections

Mr. Libby and American Public Dialogue have worked with the current supervisor on numerous technical and political projects. Mr. Stafford is familiar with Mr. Libby's professional reputation and technical expertise.

Honorable John Delaney – Mayor of Jacksonville

Mayor Delaney has worked with Mr. Libby on numerous political and technical projects for the City of Jacksonville. Mayor Delaney is familiar with the abilities of American Public Dialogue to complete very technical and complex projects in a timely and professional manner.