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Board of Supervisors
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RESOLUTION NO. 11-01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. §11-212 the Gila County Board of Supervisors shall meet at the county seat December 1 following the release of the United States decennial census data and divide the county into three districts and shall define the boundaries and limits of each district and make the division equal or with not more than ten percent difference in population, and;

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors is desirous of establishing a Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee to collect public input to the redistricting process, and;

WHEREAS, the Article 4 Part 2 Section 1 of the Arizona Constitution sets forth guidelines for the State independent redistricting commission, and;

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors is desirous of establishing guidelines for selection of the Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gila County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the attached "Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee Selection Guidelines."

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of January 2011.

Attest:

Marian Sheppard Chief Deputy Clerk

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

GILA COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES
January, 2011

In an effort to ensure a fair and unbiased redistricting, a fair and unbiased selection process of Redistricting Advisory Committee members, and a clear understanding of the role of the Committee members, the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following guidelines:

1. Each year following the decennial census, a Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee (hereinafter "Committee") shall be established to provide recommendations for the redistricting of the Gila County Board of Supervisor Districts.

2. Committee Selection Guidelines:

   a) Each year following the decennial census, the Board of Supervisors, or its designee, shall establish a pool of persons who are willing to serve on and are qualified for appointment to the Committee.

   b) Members of the public able to conform to selection guidelines and who are interested in serving on the Committee should contact their respective Gila County Supervisor to be placed on the nomination list.

   c) Each member shall be a registered Arizona voter who has been continuously registered with the same political party, or registered as unaffiliated with a political party, for two or more years immediately preceding appointment.

   d) Within the three years previous to appointment, members shall not have: (1) been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for any partisan public office or community college board; (2) served as an officer of a political party; (3) served as a registered paid lobbyist; nor (4) served as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee.

   e) Current County Employees may not serve as members of the Committee.

   f) During tenure of the Committee and for three years thereafter, Committee members shall be ineligible for partisan public office or for registration as a paid lobbyist.

   g) The Gila County Division of Elections shall review related applicant background information and remove any applicant who does not meet the qualifications of these guidelines..

   h) All applicants who meet the qualifications of these guidelines according to the Gila County Division of Elections shall constitute the Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee Applicant Pool.

i) The Committee shall consist of nine members. No more than four members of the Committee shall be members of the same political party and at least one member of the Committee shall not be registered with either of the two largest political parties in Arizona. No more than two members shall reside in the same precinct.

3. Appointments to the Committee shall be made as follows:

   a) The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall make one appointment to the Committee from the Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee Applicant Pool followed by one appointment from the pool made in turn by each of the following: the Vice Chair of the Gila County Board of Supervisors, and the third member of the Board of Supervisors. This process is repeated until all nine members are appointed.

   b) Any vacancy in the above nine Committee positions remaining as of March 1 of the year following the decennial census shall be filled from the pool of nominees by action of the Board of Supervisors and shall be consistent with all provisions of paragraph 2 above.

4. Duties and Responsibilities of Committee members include, but are not limited to:

   a) Select a chair and vice chair. The nine Committee members shall select by majority vote one of their members to serve as chair and one of their members to serve as vice-chair. If the Committee fails to select a chair or vice chair, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a chair or vice chair from amongst the nine members.

   b) Work on the Committee in an honest, independent, and impartial fashion and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process.

   c) Work under the direction and guidance of the Gila County Election's staff and consultants.

   d) Attend planning meetings with County Election's staff and consultants.

   e) Attend presentation/hearing meetings and conduct interactive dialogue with the public for the purposes of providing information and gathering public input.

   f) Provide for reporting the outcome of public meetings. Outcome materials must be made available to the public. The official record shall be addressed to the Board of Supervisors and submitted to Election's staff for review and dissemination.

   g) Evaluate public input and redistricting proposals under the direction and guidance of Election's staff and consultants.

   h) Make formal presentations to the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with Elections staff and consultants.

   i) Attend at least 2/3 of all planning and presentation/hearing meetings.

j) Abide by Arizona Open Meeting Law and conduct meetings open to the public with 72 or more hours public notice provided of each meeting. Abide by all other applicable Federal and State laws.

k) Conduct business in public meetings only when a quorum is present. Seven committee members, including the chair or vice-chair, constitute a quorum. Seven or more affirmative votes are required for any official action.

l) Present no less than two redistricting plans to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

m) Serve from the date of appointment by the Gila County Board of Supervisors through the preclearance new district boundary plan by the United States Department of Justice. Once the preclearance letter has been received, the committee shall meet to present the letter of preclearance to the Board of Supervisors. At that point, the Committee will automatically be dissolved.

5. Resignation or Termination from Appointment:

a) After having been served written notice, and provided with an opportunity for a response, a member of the Committee may be removed by the Board of Supervisors for failure to attend scheduled Committee planning meetings or presentation/hearing meetings, substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office.

b) Committee members who must resign should provide two-weeks notice in a written letter addressed to the Gila County Board of Supervisors and the Director, Gila County Division of Elections.

c) In the event a vacancy on the Committee occurs, a new name shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for appointment by the same member of the Board of Supervisors who submitted the vacating member's nomination. The nominee shall be of the same political party or status as was the member who vacated the office at the time of his or her appointment.

d) In the event there is a vacancy of the chair or vice chair, the appointment of a new chair or vice chair shall be made by the remaining Committee members.

e) If the appointment of a replacement committee member or chair is not made within a reasonable time following the presentation of the nominees, the Board of Supervisors, or its designee, shall make the appointment striving for political balance and fairness.

f) Any newly appointed Committee member shall serve out the remainder of the original member's term.