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## Attorney General's Office Certifies Loudoun Redistricting Plan

The Virginia Attorney General's Office recently certified that it found no reason to object to Loudoun County's redistricting plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 7, 2022. The attorney general's "certification of no objection" means that the county may now implement its new local election districts as adopted by the Board. The certification process is required by state law.

The next phase in the process involves amendment of the county ordinance to adjust some existing precincts to align with the new state and local election district boundaries, to create new precincts due to an increased number of registered voters in some existing precincts, and to identify new polling places for some of redrawn or newly created precincts. Staff anticipates that a public hearing concerning the precinct and polling place changes will occur in December. Following Board action on the ordinance amendment, an additional certificate of no objection review by the Attorney General's Office is required for any polling place changes.

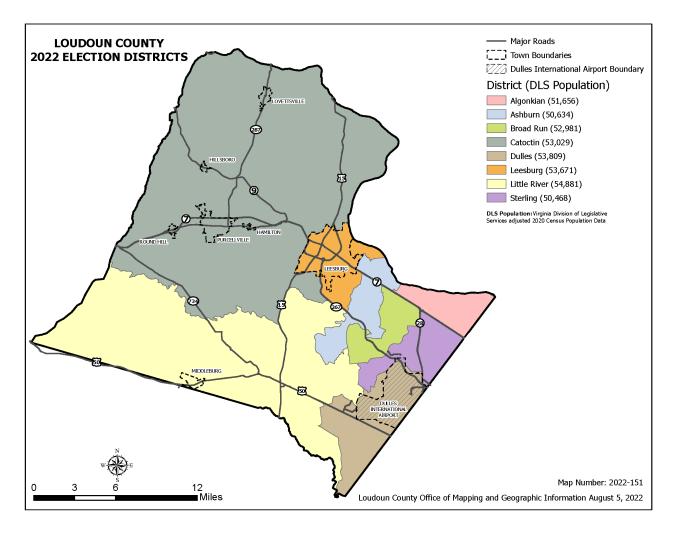
A special election to fill two vacant school board seats in November 2022 will occur using the prior election districts adopted in 2011, because the special election was ordered before the Board adopted the changes to the election districts, and because the candidate filing deadline occurred before the certification of no objection was received from the Attorney General. The first general election for Board of Supervisors and School Board representatives in the redrawn election districts will be in November 2023 (if a primary election is held in June 2023, the redrawn election districts would be used). Until then, Loudoun County residents will continue to be represented by their current Board of Supervisors and School Board members. Loudoun residents can identify their currently elected representatives on the <u>county's website</u>.

The county's new election districts are the result of a process that was informed by the 2020 census and input from the public. The redrawing of election districts each decade is required by law. The redrawn districts were designed based on input from the Board and members of the public to help maintain districts in which the number of residents is balanced over the next decade.

As part of this process, the Board voted in May 2022 to name one newly redrawn district as the Little River District. The Blue Ridge District name will be retired. The names of the county's seven other election districts, also redrawn, will remain the same.

More information about redistricting in Loudoun County, including a link to a map that illustrates the new election districts, is posted at <u>loudoun.gov/redistricting</u>.

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