

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



JEFFREY R. CLEMENTS
Chief of Research
(904) 255-5137

117 West Duval Street
City Hall, Suite 425
Jacksonville, FL 32202
FAX (904) 255-5229

Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-35

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Supervisor of Elections

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: January 12, 2023

Type of Action: Approving revision of voting precinct boundaries and polling places; making provision for placing maps online; request emergency passage on first reading

Bill Summary: The bill approves new precinct boundaries and polling places for those City Council districts impacted by the U.S. District Court ruling in the challenge to the constitutionality of the new districts adopted by the Council in 2022 following the 2020 U.S. Census. Emergency passage on first reading is requested.

Background Information: The bill approves new precincts and polling places resulting from the federal judge's selection of one of three maps presented by the plaintiffs in the redistricting challenge, which impacts City Council districts 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14. The precinct boundaries in the remaining districts were not affected by the ruling and remain unchanged. The bill states that a precinct boundary map of the entire county, a map of each new precinct, and the locations of all precinct polling places will be On File in the offices of the Supervisor of Elections and the Council Secretary for the public's access. Emergency passage on first reading is requested in light of the fact that the City's spring elections are rapidly approaching and contracts for voting locations must be arranged and hundreds of thousands of voters will need to be provided with new voter registration cards in very short order to prepare for the March 21st First Election.

Policy Impact Area: Election management

Fiscal Impact: The Supervisor of Elections Office estimates that approximately 187,000 new voter registration cards will need to be produced and mailed to impacted voters at a cost of about \$1 apiece for printing, processing, and postage.

Analyst: Clements