

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-1

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Special Committee on Redistricting

**Date of Introduction:** January 11, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** January 13, 2022

**Type of Action:** Adoption of council redistricting plan; City Charter amendment; direction to codify

**Bill Summary:** The bill adopts a redistricting plan for the City Council districts, at-large residence areas and School Board districts. It amends the City Charter to insert the district boundaries into Charter in place of the current boundaries and directs that the ordinance be codified.

**Background Information:** The City is required by the City Charter and Ordinance Code to redraw the City Council single member districts and at-large residence areas every 10 years following the release of the latest U.S. Decennial Census data. School Board districts are also redrawn by virtue of their being composed of pairs of City Council districts. The redistricting plan is recommended to the full council by the Special Committee on Redistricting which utilized the Planning and Development Department as its demographic data analysis and mapping consultant. The proposed plan conforms to the requirements of federal, state and local law and applicable Supreme Court precedents. The Special Committee charged the department to craft districts based on the existing districts, meeting the standards of "one person, one vote", compactness, and contiguity, minimizing districts crossing the St. Johns River, and not drawing multiple incumbents in office into districts where they would compete against each other for re-election. The Rules Committee is mandated to hold at least 3 public hearings on the proposed plan within 45 days after the bill is referred to the committee at 3 different locations around the city (excluding City Hall) after 5:00 p.m. The committee has scheduled 4 hearings at high schools around the city (Ed White HS, Atlantic Coast HS, First Coast HS and William Raines HS) on consecutive Thursday evenings beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy Impact Area:** City Council and School Board redistricting

**Fiscal Impact:** Undetermined costs for informing some voters about their placement in new voting precincts as a result of redistricting.

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