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Guidelines for Submission of Redistricting Plans

1. To be considered, a plan must be submitted or sponsored by a Senator.

2. Each such plan must:

(a) Be submitted in an electronic format prepared using Maptitude for Redistricting software (version 6.0) or in an electronic format that can be imported using Maptitude for Redistricting software;

(b) Use the same population figures and geographic divisions used by the Senate for redistricting;

(c) Be composed of contiguous districts; contiguity by water is sufficient;

(d) Be for the state as a whole. Plans for the Senate must contain thirty-three (33) districts. Plans for the House of Representatives must contain ninety-nine (99) districts. Plans for the United States House of Representatives must contain nine (9) districts;

(e) Be accompanied with a statewide map and a paper copy of the components of each district. Components must be composed of census geography;

(f) Only contain single member districts;

(g) For the Senate and the House of Representatives, have an overall range (expressed as a percentage from the smallest to the largest district) of less than ten percent (10%). Plans for the United States House of Representatives must be as nearly equal in population as practicable;

(h) Comply with the Voting Rights Act, the United States Constitution, and the Tennessee Constitution; and

(i) Be accompanied by a report containing the total population of each district, the relative deviation from the ideal population of each district (expressed as a percentage), the total overall range of the plan as a whole, the percentage of Black*, White and Hispanic** persons in each district and the percentage of voting age Black, White and Hispanic persons in each district.

3. Plans must be submitted to the Office of Legal Services no later than November 1, 2011. The Office of Legal Services will review submitted plans to determine compliance with these guidelines.

*Those persons identifying themselves as Black, African-American, or Negro.

**Those persons identifying themselves as being of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.