

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 862

An Act to amend and reenact § 30-264 of the Code of Virginia, relating to congressional and state legislative districts; written descriptions of boundaries not required.

[H 105]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 30-264 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-264. Staff to Joint Reapportionment Committee; census liaison.

A. The Division of Legislative Services (the Division) shall serve as staff to the Joint Reapportionment Committee. The Director of the Division, or his designated representative, shall serve as the state liaison with the United States Bureau of the Census on matters relating to the tabulation of the population for reapportionment purposes pursuant to United States Public Law 94-171. The governing bodies, electoral boards, and registrars of every county and municipality shall cooperate with the Division in the exchange of all statistical and other information pertinent to preparation for the census.

B. The Division shall maintain the current election district and precinct boundaries of each county and city as a part of the General Assembly's computer-assisted mapping and redistricting system. Whenever a county or city governing body adopts an ordinance that changes an election district or precinct boundary, the local governing body shall provide a copy of its ordinance, along with Geographic Information System (GIS) maps and other evidence documenting the boundary, to the Division.

C. The Division shall prepare and maintain a written description of the boundaries for the congressional, senatorial, and House of Delegates districts set out in Article 2 (§ 24.2-302 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 24.2. The descriptions shall identify each district boundary, insofar as practicable, by reference to political subdivision boundaries or to physical features such as named roads and streets. The Division shall furnish to each general registrar the descriptions for the districts dividing his county or city. The provisions of Article 2 (§ 24.2-302 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 24.2, including the statistical reports referred to in Article 2 in that article, shall be controlling in any legal determination of a district boundary.