

## **FACT SHEET**

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### **Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Describes Reapportioning Process**

New county precinct lines submitted by Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark in compliance with Florida Statute 101.001 were approved May 22 by the Pinellas County Commissioners. This approval brings Pinellas County near the completion of its redistricting process.

Here are some of the steps and considerations included in the process of adjusting precinct lines for Pinellas County:

- We provided our voters with as much continuity as possible
- After complying with the requirements of new district lines, our number one priority was to minimize the number of polling place changes and to adjust precinct lines so voters are closer to their polling places
- If several precincts already voted at the same polling place, those precincts were combined into one precinct, without changing their polling place
- We tried to maintain the current numbering system where possible
- We eliminated four polling places as follows:
  - One polling place notified us they could no longer be a polling place
  - Three polling places were not needed once the precinct lines were redrawn
- We adjusted as few precinct boundaries as necessary
- The new precinct map, along with new congressional, state senate and state house district maps are posted online at [www.voteinellas.com](http://www.voteinellas.com) by selecting Maps/District Maps.

Efforts to maintain continuity resulted in the following:

- 80% of voters will vote at their current polling places
- 32% (122) of the precincts have no boundary changes
- Number of polling places reduced from 238 to 234
- Number of precincts reduced from 376 to 299, largely by combining precincts that already voted at the same polling places

Next steps:

- Now that the precinct lines are approved, the voter registration database will be updated the weekend of May 26 with the new district and precinct information
- Once the database is updated, the Find Your Precinct feature on our Web site will allow voters to look up their voting precinct and district numbers, as well as polling places
- New voter information cards will be mailed to all 600,000 Pinellas County voters in June
  - The cards will be enclosed in red-white-and-blue mailers from the Supervisor of Elections