

Issue Analysis Form



Date: September 14, 2021
Advertise a Public Hearing to
Receive Input on Whether to
Change to Single Member
Election Districts

Item:

Lead Department(s): County Attorney

Contact Person(s): Dan Whitten

Description and Current Status

Prince George County must redistrict in 2021 after receiving the results from the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau anticipates data needed to begin redistricting will be released beginning August 16, 2021. The final redistricting data toolkit will be delivered by the Census Bureau by September 30, 2021.

Virginia Code Section 15.2-1211 gives power to the Board of Supervisors to "redistrict the county into magisterial districts, change the boundaries of existing districts, change the name of any district, or increase or diminish the number of districts".

Virginia Code Section 24.2-304.1 allows the Board of Supervisors to change from at-large districts to single-member districts.

After proper advertisement of a public hearing the Board of Supervisors can receive input from the public on whether to change from at-large districts to single member districts. An additional public hearing would be required in November before the Board can amend the County Code Chapter 30 ("Elections") to increase the number of election districts from two to five.

A motion approving authority to advertise for a public hearing on September 28, 2021 to receive input from the public on whether to change to single member election districts is requested.

Sample Motion: I move that the Board approve advertisement of a public hearing to receive input from the public on whether to change to single member election districts.

Government Path

- Does this require IDA action? Yes No
- Does this require BZA action? Yes No
- Does This require Planning Commission Action? Yes No
- Does this require Board of Supervisors action? Yes No
- Does this require a public hearing? Yes No
- If so, before what date? Yes No

Fiscal Impact Statement

County Impact

Notes

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, this 14th day of September, 2021:

Present:

Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Marlene J. Waymack, Vice Chair
Alan R. Carmichael
Donald Hunter
T. J. Webb

Vote:

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, the following Resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION: AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING TO
RECEIVE INPUT ON WHETHER TO CHANGE TO
SINGLE MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince George County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September, 2021, does hereby authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on September 28, 2021, to receive input from the public on whether to change to single member election districts.

A Copy Teste:

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator