

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR MEETING

JUN 25 1991 *AMC*

ORANGE COUNTY 1991
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 91-M-31

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ORANGE COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 1991; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING FOR REQUIRED PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES IN DEVELOPING ITS RECOMMENDATION; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1(e), Fla. Const. mandates that after each decennial census the Board of County Commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable; and

WHEREAS, Section 202 of the Orange County Charter requires the Board of County Commissioners to reconsider the boundaries of the commission districts after each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has completed the 1990 census and provided Orange County with the County's population figures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Orange County has decided to create a redistricting advisory committee to recommend any necessary or desirable changes to the boundaries of the commission districts based on the 1990 census; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the paramount importance of redistricting in the County's effort to comply with the "one person-one vote" principle; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to adopt a redistricting plan such that the six commission districts will continue to be contiguous territories as nearly equal in population as practicable while taking into consideration the demographics

of the county, the geography of the neighborhoods, existing precinct lines, and minority population interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to adopt the redistricting plan prior to January 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants the redistricting process to be conducted in an open, public and fair forum in which all Orange County residents have a right to observe and participate; and

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure adopted by the 1989 Redistricting Advisory Committee enabled that redistricting process to be conducted in an orderly fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to receive a recommendation no later than November 1, 1991.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

There is hereby created an advisory committee to be known as the "Orange County Redistricting Advisory Committee for 1991," hereinafter referred to as the "Committee."

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee shall be composed of the nine individuals identified below, each of whom has been confirmed by vote of the Board after being nominated by the County Chairman or a District Commissioner, as indicated. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee due to relocation, resignation, death, disability, or any other cause, the County Commissioner or the County Chairman, as pertinent, shall nominate a replacement,

and such nominee shall be appointed to the Committee, but only if confirmed by vote of the Board.

The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair at its initial meeting. All members are and shall continue to be residents and electors of Orange County, Florida, but need not be residents of any particular Commission District. Elected officials other than members of the judiciary, Orange County employees, and individuals currently serving on the Charter Review Commission are not eligible to serve on the Committee. Candidates for the office of county commissioner in 1992, as well as persons intending to run or otherwise considering whether to run for the office of county commissioner in 1992, are not eligible to serve on the Committee.

The following individuals are hereby appointed to the Orange County Redistricting Advisory Committee for 1991.

District 1: William Beckett

District 2: Phyllis "PJ" Denney

District 3: Thomas Shaw

District 4: Linda Stewart

District 5: Jose Rey

District 6: Marie Palmer

Chairman: Wayne Rich

Chairman: Rebecca Cherney

Chairman: Jeanelle Bronson

SECTION 3. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES. The Committee shall endeavor to submit to the Board no later than

November 1, 1991, a proposal for redistricting the County into six commission districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. In developing its recommendation, the Committee shall take into consideration the demographics of the County, the geography of the neighborhoods, existing precinct lines, and minority population interests.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS. At its initial meeting, the Committee shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, including times and locations which shall be filed with the Clerk and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation within Orange County. Also, the Committee shall hold no fewer than two public hearings before adopting its recommendations, and notice of each public hearing shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation not less than ten days before each hearing. The agenda for each meeting shall include an "audience to be heard" section in which the public can express opinions to the Committee. The Committee Chair may reasonably limit the time each member of the public can speak. The Committee shall endeavor to meet at least twice a month, whether in regular or special meetings or in public hearings, until its assignment is completed.

SECTION 5. STAFF SUPPORT. The Committee shall be entitled to the support of Orange County staff, with all requests for information and assistance being made by the Committee Chair to the County Administrator or his designee, except as follows:

The Orange County Attorney shall serve as legal counsel to the Committee, and all legal questions shall be submitted directly to him or his designee. The Planning Department, the Geographic Information System, and the Supervisor of Elections shall assign staff as necessary or desirable to assist the Committee in developing its recommendation. The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall assign staff to serve as the recording secretary to the Committee.

SECTION 6. RULES OF PROCEDURE. The Committee shall conduct its proceedings pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Redistricting Advisory Committee for 1989, but with such amendments as the Committee may approve by majority vote of its membership.

SECTION 7. ADVISORY NATURE OF THE COMMITTEE. The recommendations of the Committee are advisory only and are subject to such revisions and amendments as the Board may elect. Furthermore, the dates set forth in this Resolution are guidelines and targets, but not procedural deadlines. Failure by the Committee to submit its recommendation by November 1, 1991, and failure by the Board to Adopt a redistricting plan before January 1, 1992, shall not affect the validity of the redistricting plan in any respect.

SECTION 8. TERMINATION AND CESSATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS. Unless terminated sooner by the Board, the Redistricting Advisory Committee shall terminate upon adoption of a

redistricting plan by the Board. Regular meetings shall cease upon the submission of a recommendation to the Board. If the Board requires additional input from the Committee after submission of a recommendation, the County Chairman or the Committee Chair shall call a meeting, providing at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to the public.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Bill Doyen*
For County Chairman

DATE: JUN 25 1991

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie,
Comptroller and Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

BY: *Robyn M. Steptoe*
Asst. Deputy Clerk