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THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA APPROVES LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The Supreme Court of Virginia has unanimously approved maps establishing congressional and state legislative districts. Under the terms of <u>Article II</u>, <u>Section 6-A of the Constitution of</u> <u>Virginia</u>, the Supreme Court of Virginia took over the responsibility for drawing the redistricting lines of the Commonwealth. <u>Virginia Code § 30-399</u> required the Court to choose two Special Masters, nominated by each political party, to use input from the citizens of the Commonwealth and direction from the Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia to establish congressional and state legislative districts. The Special Masters were instructed to create maps that are fully compliant with constitutional and statutory law applied in an apolitical and nonpartisan manner. The public was invited to participate in the process of redistricting by submitting written comments to the Court, and the Court hosted public hearings where the citizens of Virginia were encouraged to express their views. The Court's Final Order, approved maps, and the report of the Special Masters may be viewed online at:

https://www.vacourts.gov/courts/scv/districting/redistricting_final.pdf

Additional information on the Virginia Supreme Court's redistricting proceedings, including Court Orders, and public comments submitted to the Court may be accessed online at: https://www.vacourts.gov/courts/scv/districting/redistricting_information.pdf.

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