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TO: KMCA Board of Directors
FR: JC Young, KMCA Executive Director
RE: County Reapportionment
Date: 2-22-2021

On Monday, February 22, 2021, the Kentucky Magistrates & Commissioners Association hosted a zoom meeting with James Whitehorne, Chief of the Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office for the U.S. Census Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the U.S. Census release of the data needed to complete County Reapportionment (Magisterial/Commissioner Redistricting).

KRS 67.045 states the fiscal court shall initiate reapportionment proceedings in May of the first year following the decennial census of the United States.

The statute also states the fiscal court begins reapportionment proceedings by publishing notice of the planned reapportionment and appointing a reapportionment commission of three members. The commissioners have 60 days from the time of their appointment to set district boundary lines. No later than 60 days after the commissioners' report is filed, the fiscal court must adopt or amend the report and subsequently enact a county ordinance establishing the new district boundaries.

In a press release on February 12, 2021 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced that... "It will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30, 2021. COVID-19-related delays and prioritizing the delivery of the apportionment results delayed the Census Bureau's original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states by March 31, 2021."

Mr. Whitehorne confirmed the accuracy of this information and noted that the 'census block' data needed for county reapportionment will not be delivered by March 31, essentially making KRS 67.045 unachievable.

In attendance for the virtual meeting:
James Whitehorne, U.S. Census Bureau
David Livingston, Scott County Magistrate
Mike Burrell, Lincoln Trail ADD
Mike Robinson, Lincoln Trail ADD
Scott Kimmich, Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
Jared Dearing, Kentucky State Board of Elections
JC Young, Kentucky Magistrates & Commissioners Association
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Enclosed: KRS 67.045 & U.S. Census Bureau Press Release

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