

## County Reapportionment

**Current Law:** 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.

- Federal guidelines require that the “census block” data that is used for redistricting is normally delivered by March 31 to each State (the year after the Census)

**Problem:** The US Census data needed for County Reapportionment (Magistrate & Commissioner Redistricting) delivery is delayed. The US Census Bureau claims that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30, 2021. (See Press Release)

**Problem:** How can the redistrict for Magistrate & Commissioner districts without the Census Data? Candidates can file for these local offices as early as November 3rd. Candidates can file letters of intent with Election Finance anytime for these seats and must list the Magisterial/Commission district they intend to seek.

**Solution:** HB 566 provides a 1 year reprieve on County Reapportionment. Meaning that Counties will reapportion in the year 2022. The new districts will be drawn and in place for the 2026 County election cycle. With time running out for this meeting of the KY General Assembly, HB 566 language has been amended into SB 171.

If HB 566/SB 171 is adopted:

- Magistrate & Commissioner candidates will file for office in November of 2021 in the districts that are currently drawn from the 2010 data.
- Magistrates & Commissioners elected in 2022 will hold office in the current districts that are in place until the 2026 election.
- Magistrate & Commissioner candidates can file in November of 2025, stand for election in 2026, in new districts that are drawn in 2022.