

PRESS RELEASE REGARDING
REDISTRICTING IN CHAMBERS COUNTY

Just like the Federal and State Government, Chambers County is in the process of redistricting which is done every 10 years and is based on the official census results. For the County, this only affects voting precincts and commissioners' precincts. By law, no voting precinct can have over 5,000 residents. The law also dictates that each commissioner represent an equal number of people within +/- 5%.

After the initial meeting of the Chambers County Redistricting Task Force, a timeline was developed. The first item is to identify members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact your commissioner. The duties of this committee will include, but not be limited to the following.

1. Reviewing and discussing various redistricting concepts
2. Reviewing the Census 2010 demographic data
3. Reviewing the current and proposed election boundaries
4. Attending public meetings after regular work hours
5. Recommending proposed redistricting/reapportionment plans to Commissioners' Court

TIMELINE

January 31, 2011

First meeting of the Chambers County Redistricting Task Force – Response to Allison, Bass & Associates

February 22, 2011

Identify members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee

April – May 2011

Formally form the Citizens' Advisory Committee

May – June 2011

Allison, Bass & Associates will meet with Commissioners' Court and the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Explain the Initial Assessment findings and to adopt criteria for the Reapportionment Process

June – July

First public hearing

August 2011

Citizens' Advisory Committee will select at least two alternative plans to submit to Commissioners' Court

September 2011

Have final plan ready for submission to the Department of Justice; Department of Justice has 60 days to review and either approve, reject, or request additional information on the plan

Late 2011

Purging and preparation of poll lists