

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

NO. SC 18907

IN RE PETITION OF REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, EX. REL.

January 3, 2012

Order Directing Special Master

1. The Special Master shall be empowered and charged with the duty to prepare and recommend to the Court a report, including a proposed redistricting plan for adoption by this Court for the State of Connecticut, dividing the state into 5 congressional districts in accordance with the 2010 federal census and applicable law.
2. In developing the plan, the Special Master shall modify the existing congressional districts only to the extent reasonably required to comply with the following applicable legal requirements:
 - a. Districts shall be as equal in population as is practicable.
 - b. Districts shall be made of contiguous territory.
 - c. The plan shall comply with 42 U.S.C. § 1973(b) and with other applicable provisions of the Voting Rights Act and federal law.
3. In no event shall the plan of the Special Master be substantially less compact than the existing congressional districts and in no event shall the plan of the Special Master substantially violate town lines more than the existing congressional districts.
4. In fashioning his plan, the Special Master shall not consider either the residency of incumbents or potential candidates or other political data, such as party registration statistics or election returns.
5. By Friday, January 6, 2012, by noon, any interested party or member of the public shall submit to the Special Master through the Clerk's office an original and 25 copies of their proposed redistricting maps, accompanied by supporting documentation, data, and briefs. Thereafter, the parties and any member of the public shall provide any additional material or information requested by the Special Master, including revised or supplemental maps. Any person who participates in the Special Master's proceedings shall provide the Special Master with his or her name and address.
6. Following the submission of proposed redistricting maps and briefs, the parties and any interested member of the public shall have the opportunity to submit reply briefs, as noted above, by 9:00 AM, Monday, January 9, 2012.
7. The Special Master shall hold a hearing at which the parties or any interested member of the public may present argument to the Special Master at noon on January 9, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building at a room to be designated.

8. At the hearing at noon on January 9, 2012, a representative of the Secretary of State's Office shall appear to answer any questions concerning the relationship of the redistricting process to questions of election administration and the drawing of precincts.
9. All proceedings shall be open to the public. No party shall have ex parte communications with the Special Master. Except as expressly provided herein or otherwise authorized by the Court, the Special Master shall not have any communication regarding the redistricting proceedings with any person outside the Court.
10. The Redistricting Commission shall make available to the Special Master all materials, technical resources and expertise utilized by the Commission during its attempt to formulate a plan, including but not limited to: population data, statistical information, material submitted by the public and interested parties at previous hearings; hardware and software support from the Legislative Office of Information Technology; research assistance from the Office of Legislative Research and information in the possession of that Office; and neutral and secure physical space with work stations and equipment within the Capitol complex.
11. The Special Master must submit his redistricting plan, along with a census block equivalency file, to this Court on or before January 27, 2012.
12. The Special Master is hereby authorized to retain appropriate assistants and experts, as may be reasonably necessary for him to accomplish his task within the time constraints imposed by this order.

The fees of the Special Master and any other individuals employed in connection with these proceedings shall be borne by the parties as hereinafter ordered by the Court.

BY THE COURT,


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Chief Clerk

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