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Review and Approval of the East Central College Redistricting Plan

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
June 15, 2022

BACKGROUND

Section 178.820.4, RSMo, requires that community colleges with subdistricts complete a redistricting process within one year of the publication of the decennial census figures.

East Central College (ECCC) must complete the redistricting process by or before the September 2022 CBHE meeting.

The process provided in statute is as follows:

1. The affected community college district board of trustees must vote to adopt a resolution calling for the formation of a redistricting committee. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
2. "Upon adoption of the resolution, the secretary of the board of trustees shall forward a certified copy [of the resolution] to the CBHE with the request that the redistricting committee be appointed in order to divide the community college districts into at least two and not more than six subdistricts for the purpose of electing trustees" (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
3. The board of trustees appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
4. The CBHE appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
5. The redistricting committee then meets and adopts a redistricting plan (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
6. Once the plan is approved by a majority of the redistricting committee, the committee forwards a certified copy, via the board of trustees secretary, to the CBHE for approval or disapproval (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
7. "The CBHE shall approve any redistricting plan in which the population of any subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be selected therefrom substantially equals the population of any other subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be elected therefrom" (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
8. "If the plan is not approved, then it shall be returned to the redistricting committee for revision and resubmission" (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)

CURRENT STATUS

The CBHE previously appointed three members to the ECC redistricting committee. The ECC redistricting committee met and voted to approve the attached redistricting plan. The plan is before the CBHE for approval.

DHEWD staff have reviewed the plan and determined it meets the statutory criteria for approval in that the ECC redistricting plan divides the population into substantially equal subdistricts relative to the number of trustees to be elected therefrom.

NEXT STEPS

Once approved by the CBHE, ECC can move forward with the updated subdistricts. If not approved, ECC must revise the plan and submit it for approval. If the plan is not approved before the September 2022 deadline, all ECC trustees must run at-large.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on DHEWD's review of the of the ECC redistricting plan, staff recommend the Coordinating Board vote to approve the ECC redistricting plan.

ATTACHMENT

- ECC Redistricting Plan



**Tab 15 Attachment
ECC Redistricting Plan**

**Interoffice Memo
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

April 20, 2022

To: Kristin Stokely, General Counsel, Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development

FROM: Jon Bauer, President, East Central College

RE: Proposed Junior College District of East Central Missouri Redistricting Plan for CBHE Approval

The Junior College District of East Central Missouri Board of Trustees and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education appointed a committee to review census data and recommend changes to the sub-districts for the college in fall 2021. Each of the three subdistricts is represented by two Board members for a total of six trustees for the college district.

College staff reviewed the census data and determined the total population of the taxing district to be 95,080. A review of the existing subdistricts revealed that one subdistrict had seen more substantial growth than the others resulting in a need to restructure the subdistricts. Three options were developed for committee review and discussion.

The committee met on January 27, 2022, to review options to realign the population of the three subdistricts. The committee determined that it would be preferable to have contiguous subdistricts based on school district boundaries to reduce confusion for voters. The recommended subdistricts are compact and contiguous and utilize fully intact school district boundaries.

The recommended subdistricts are as follows:

Subdistrict 1 – School districts of St. Clair, Lonedell, Sullivan, and Bourbon (Crawford County R-1) with a combined population of 33,048 or 34.7% of the total population of the taxing district

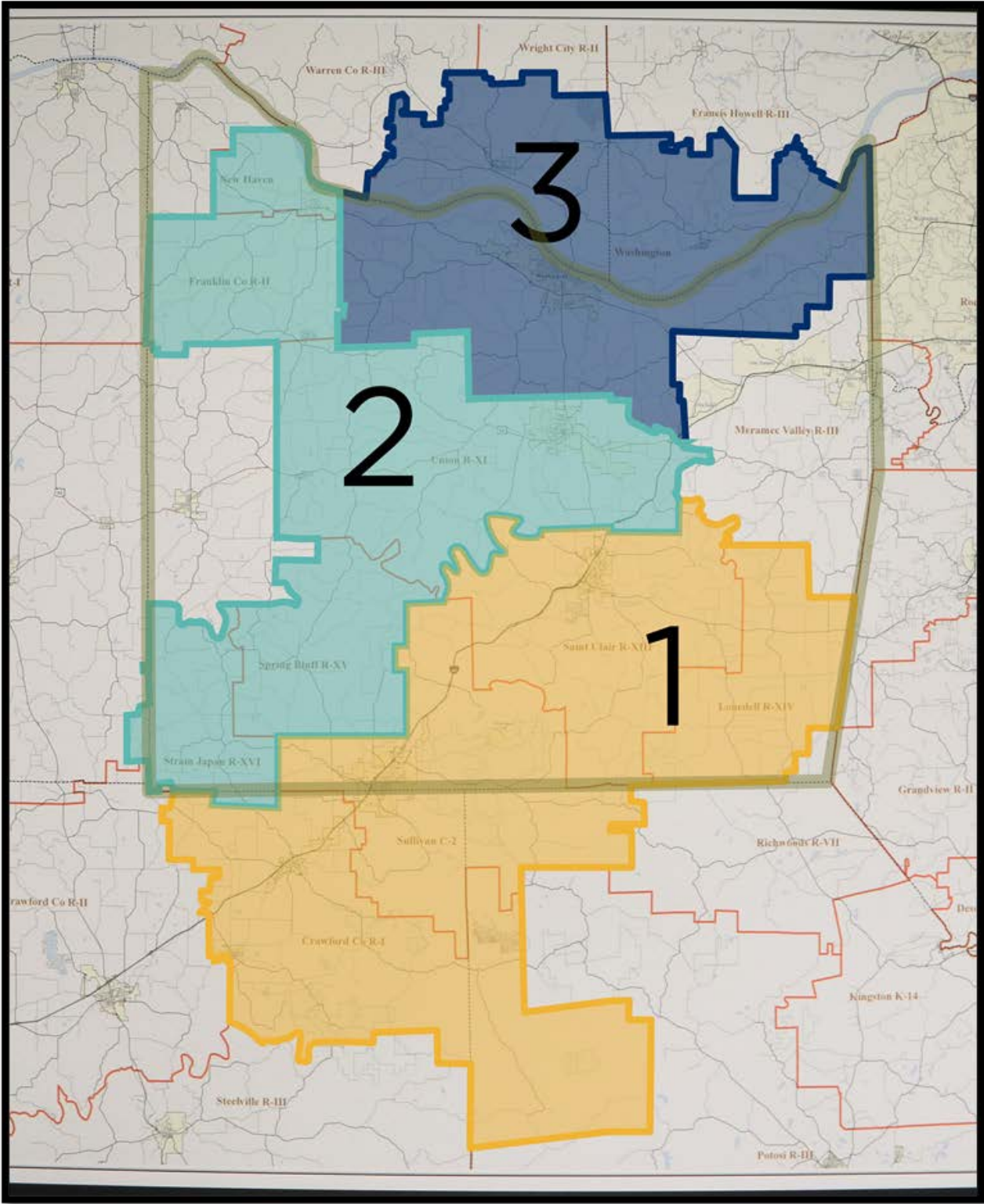
Subdistrict 2 – School districts of Union, New Haven, Franklin County \$-2, Strain-Japan, and Spring Bluff with a combined population of \$28,559 or 30% of the total population of the taxing district

Subdistrict 3 – School district of Washington with a population of 33,472 or 35.2% of the total population of the taxing district

Attached is a map of the proposed subdistricts along with their current populations.

Junior College District of East Central Missouri

2022 Subdistrict Plan



**Junior College District of East Central Missouri
School Districts within the Taxing District
Current Populations**

Washington	33,472
Union R-XI	21,903
St. Clair R-XIII	12,464
Lonedell R-XIV	3,194
Sullivan C-2	11,419
Crawford County R-1	5,972
Spring Bluff R-XV	1,681
Strain-Japan R-XVI	802
New Haven	2,844
Franklin County R-II	1,329