

COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER §
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STATE OF TEXAS §

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING CRITERIA
FOR USE IN REDISTRICTING OF SINGLE MEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 10301, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees has certain responsibilities for redistricting when populations of the respective Single Member Trustee Districts are significantly out of balance; and

WHEREAS, on review of the population data following the 2020 United States Census, the Board of Trustees has determined that a population imbalance exists, requiring redistricting of the Single Member Trustee Districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the Board of Trustees in the consideration of districting plans; and

WHEREAS, established criteria will provide the Board of Trustees a means by which to evaluate and measure proposed plans and will assist the Board of Trustees in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Schleicher County Independent School District that the school district, in its adoption of a redistricting plan for Single Member Trustee Districts, will adhere to the following criteria:

1. Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, where possible, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
3. To the extent possible, each district should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn in a way that permits the creation of practical voting precincts and that ensures that adequate facilities for polling places exist in each voting precinct.
4. Although it is recognized that existing districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution, any districting plan should, to the extent possible, be based on existing districts.

5. Districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2020 federal census. In no event should the total deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent (10%). The Board of Trustees will attempt to achieve a deviation that is less than ten percent (10%) under the data released by the Census Bureau.
6. The districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory; compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical dimension.
7. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.
8. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid discriminatory impact on the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.
9. The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under Chapter 103 of the Voting Rights Act 52 U.S.C.A. § 10301.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2021 by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Schleicher County Independent School District.



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