

**POLICY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
**REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE**

The S.C. Senate Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee seeks active and informed public participation in all its activities and the widest range of public information and citizen input into its deliberations. Accordingly:

a. The S.C. Senate Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee will hold public hearings at different locations throughout the State in order to actively seek public participation and maximize public input.

b. All public hearings and subcommittee meetings will be open to the public. Notices of all public hearings and meetings of the subcommittee will be posted on the South Carolina Legislature's Senate Redistricting website, <http://redistricting.scsenate.gov>, and will be transmitted to any citizen or organization requesting the same, without charge. Please contact Ms. Debbie Hammond by email at [debbiehammond@scsenate.gov](mailto:debbiehammond@scsenate.gov), by telephone at (803) 212-6625, or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202, to be added to the Redistricting Subcommittee's public notification list.

c. Transcripts of all public hearings and subcommittee meetings relating to redistricting will be posted on the Senate Redistricting website. Audio recordings will be kept and maintained in the Senate Judiciary Committee offices, and reproductions on CDs will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at no cost. A copy may be purchased at cost.

d. All interested persons are encouraged to appear before the Redistricting Subcommittee at the public hearings and at the pertinent subcommittee meetings to give their comments and input regarding legislative redistricting. At the appropriate time, reasonable opportunity will be afforded to individuals to present plans for legislative redistricting to the subcommittee, if desired, unless the plans demonstrably fail to meet the minimally acceptable guidelines established by the subcommittee.

e. All data posted on the Senate Redistricting website is available for downloading free of charge. The 2010 Census Block Data, also known as the P.L. 194-171 data, will be posted on the Senate Redistricting website and available for review and downloading, after it is obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. The data will also be posted on the U.S. Census Bureau's website, <http://www.census.gov/rdo>. Additional data pertinent to redistricting will be posted to the Senate Redistricting website as it is received.

f. The Senate Redistricting Subcommittee will try to make maps, reports, data information, and redistricting plans viewable and printable from the Senate Redistricting website in electronic (pdf) format, eliminating the need to obtain hard copies from the Senate Judiciary Committee. The primary source for paper copies of maps is the Budget and Control Board's Office of Research and Statistics (ORS), <http://ors.sc.gov/digital/redistricting.html>. If copies of a particular document are not available from ORS, please contact the Redistricting Subcommittee by email at [SenateRedistricting@scsenate.gov](mailto:SenateRedistricting@scsenate.gov), or by telephone at (803) 212-6625, and the document will be provided at cost. Copies of database files will be made available on CD at cost. However, paper copies of documents and copies of CDs will be produced only as members of the Senate Redistricting staff are available.