

Executive Director's Report

January 26, 2011

Meeting of the

*Beaufort County
Board of Elections and Registration*

Overview

- General Election Feedback
- Ward 3 Special Election
- SCARE Conference items of interest
- Pending SC legislation
 - Beaufort County precincts
 - All other voter/elections legislation

General Election Feedback

- Reference products distributed via email
 - Discussion
 - Spreadsheet is a living document
- Recommend applicable items be assigned to appropriate committees

HHI Ward 3 Special Election

Precinct(s)	Location	# of Voters	# iVo's
HH 2A (part)	Indigo Pines	411 of 1,171	2
HH 2C (part)	Indigo Run	1,121 of 1,266	4
HH 8B	St Luke's Church	686	3
HH 9A and 9B	Christ Lutheran Church	2,611	10
HH 10 (part)	Spanish Wells	487 of 1,177	2
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>5,316</i>	<i>21</i>

- Poll Worker Briefing on February 14 / HH Library
- Supply distribution immediately follows training
- Equipment delivery on February 14
- Canvass Hearing: Feb 17 @ 11 am

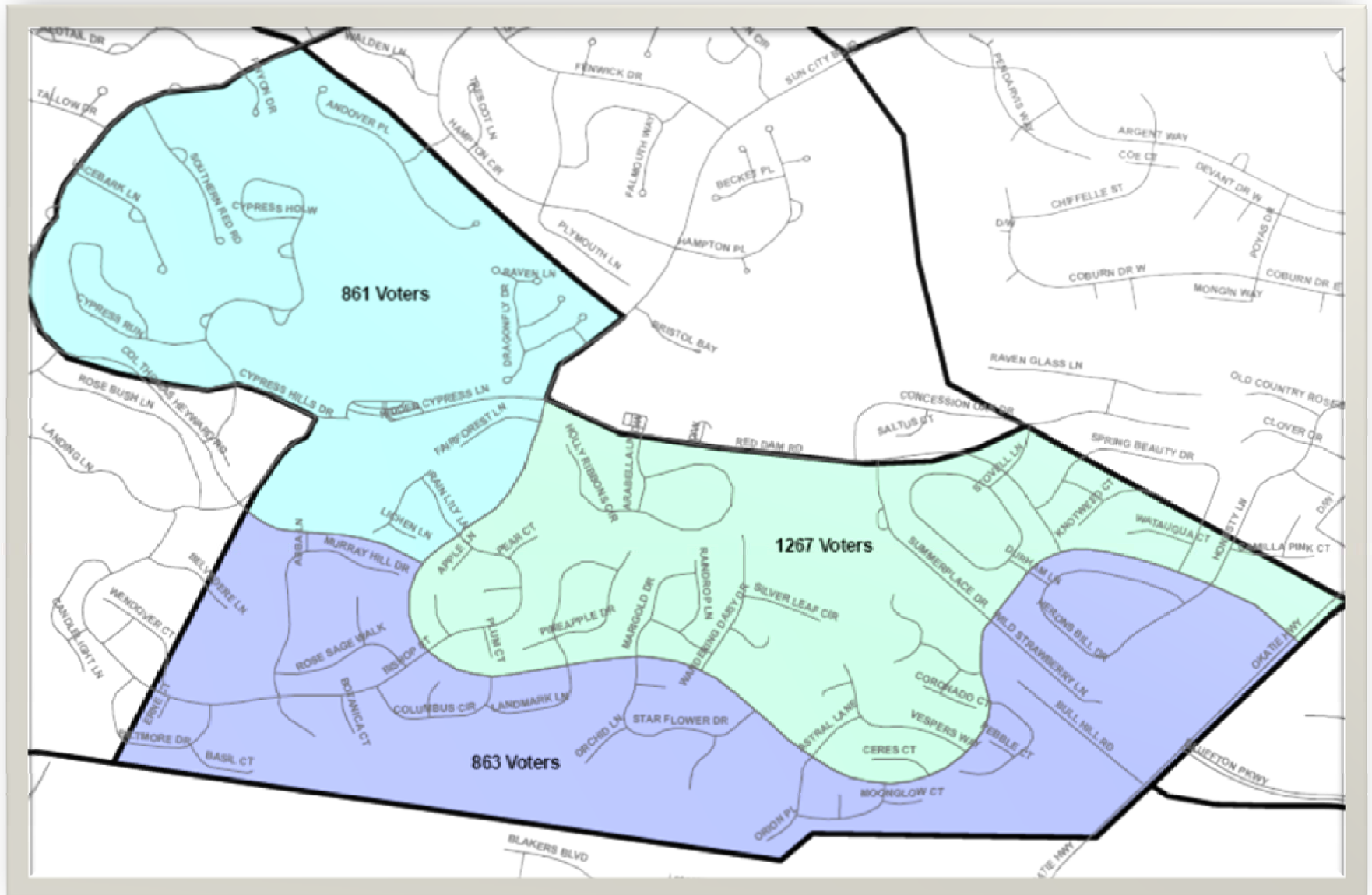
SCARE Conference items of interest

- Fiscal picture grim at state level
- Redistricting process discussions
- Met with representative from AG re:
Section 5 submissions under VRA
- Current SEC-negotiated iVo maintenance agreement expires June 30, 2011
- Next year's conference will be in March

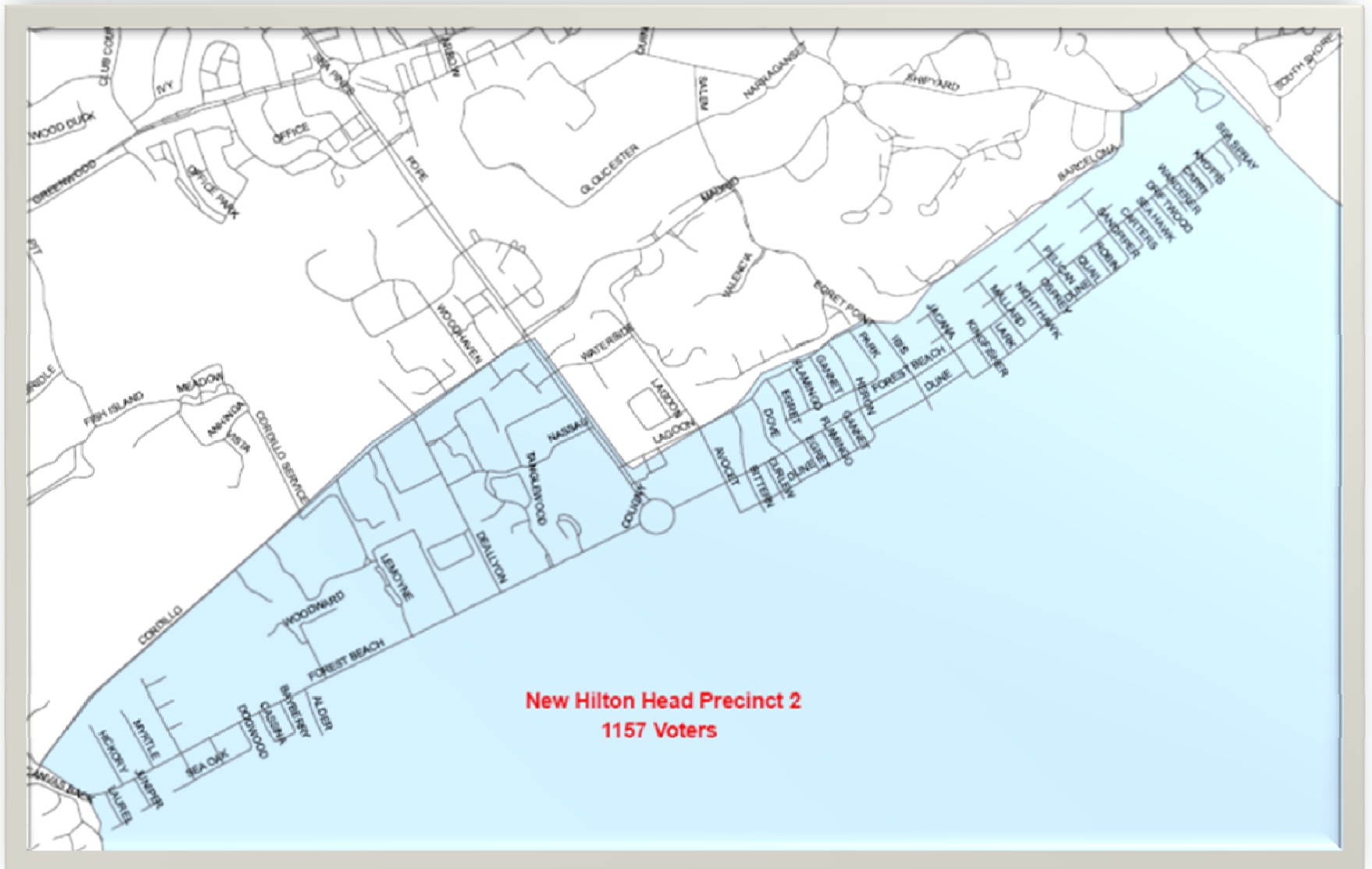
Pending legislation

- Beaufort County precincts
 - Submitted on January 6, 2011 to Representative Herbkersman
 - Involves 5 actions and 7 precincts
- Legislation of interest pending in General Assembly
 - 9 bills; 5 Senate / 4 House
 - Topics include registration, absentee voting, early voting, photo ID, UOCAVA, party deadlines, et al

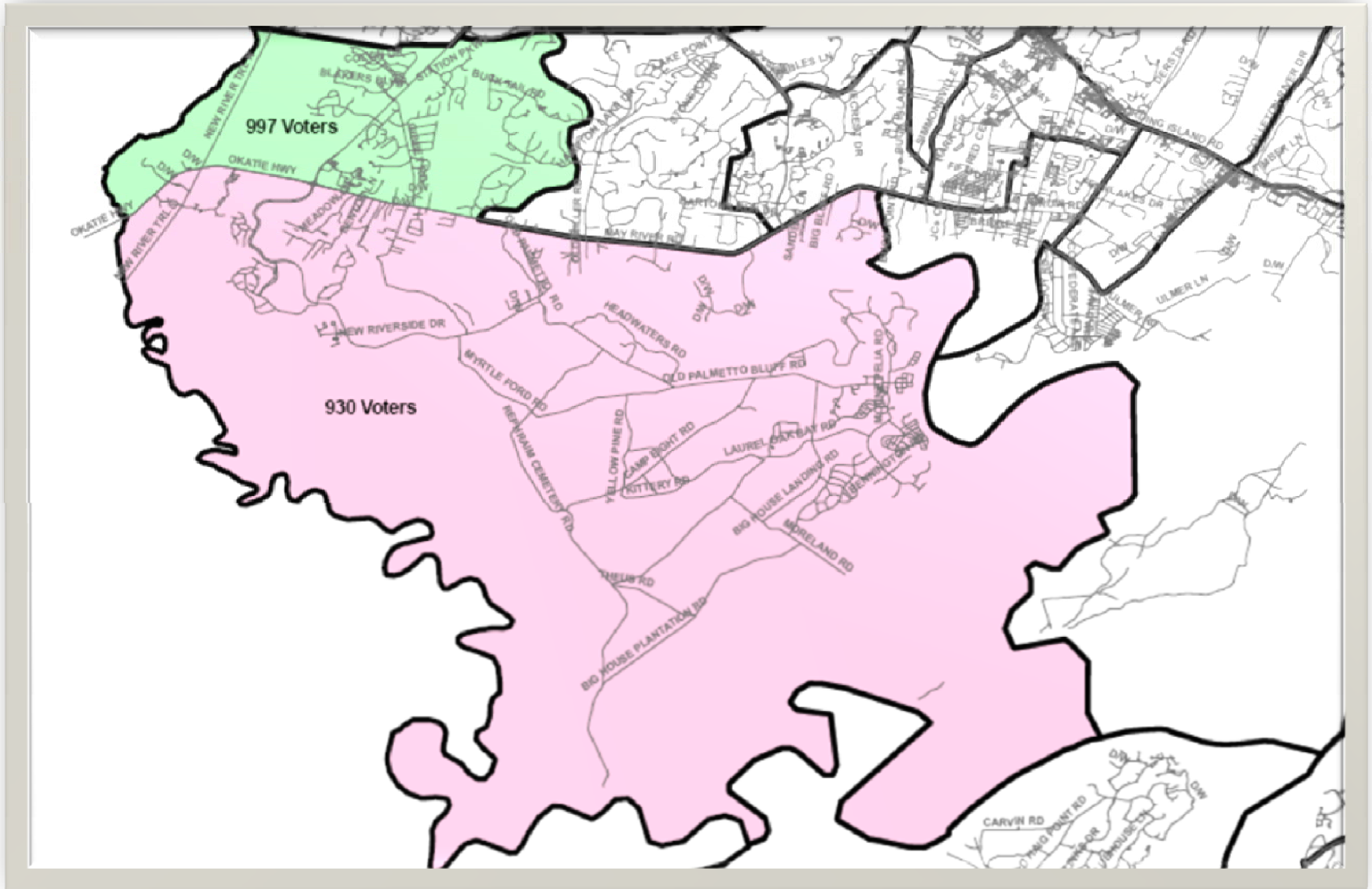
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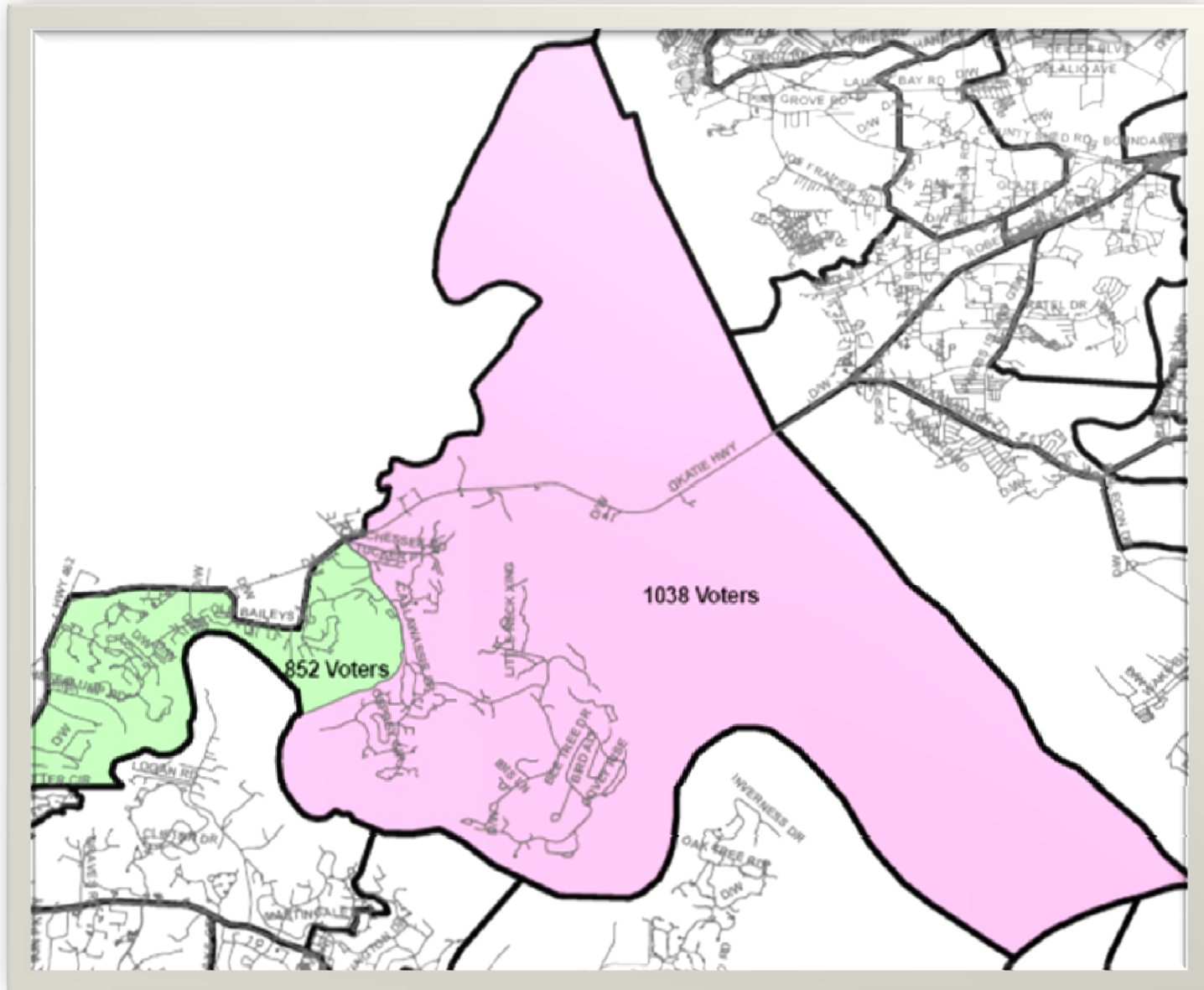
Consolidate HH8A and HH 13



Split Bluffton 2C



Split Chechessee



S. 1 - Election Reform Act

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Establish early voting
 - Require photo ID
 - Modifies absentee process
- Concerns:
 - Limits absentee polling locations to one
 - Unfunded mandate re: early voting center(s)
- Sponsor(s):
 - Campsen, McConnell, Leatherman, Peeler, Shoopman, Rose, Cleary, Verdin, S. Martin, Massey, Fair and Davis
- Status:
 - Jan 12 - referred to Senate Judiciary subcommittee

S. 209 - Absentee Qualifications

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Allows no-excuse absentee voting
 - Allows absentee application process to be completed on line
- Concerns: None known
- Sponsor(s): Lourie
- Status:
 - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

S. 333 - Notice of Death

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Coroner must provide notice of death to CEC
 - Funeral directors must provide notice of death to CEC
- Concerns:
 - Requires CEC to “prescribe forms for transmission of names of deceased persons” to state
- Sponsor(s): Massey
- Status:
 - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

S. 404 - SC UOCAVA Act

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Allows absentee voters in OS isolated areas to submit a federal write-in absentee ballot for any federal, state, or local office or ballot initiative
 - Requires electronic free access ballot tracking system
 - Waives witness requirement for all UOCAVA voters
- Concerns: None
- Sponsor(s):
 - Campsen, McConnell, Davis, Leventis, Matthews, L. Martin, Massey, McGill, O'Dell, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Rose, Ryberg, et al
- Status:
 - Jan 20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

H. 3003 - Photo ID / Absentee Voting

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Requires photo ID
 - Definition of “Domicile” given greater fidelity
 - Absentee application requests mail or walk-in only
 - Retains witness signature requirement on absentees
 - Absentee voting becomes paper only
- Concerns:
 - Restricts absentee application request process
 - Eliminates in-person absentee voting
- Sponsors:
 - Clemmons, Lucas, Bingham, Harrison, Cooper, Patrick, Erickson, et al
- Status: Jan 25 – Request for floor debate

H. 3110 - Registration by Party

- Primary purposes(s):
 - Requires registration by party
- Concerns: Uncertain
- Sponsors:
 - G.R. Smith, Thayer, Hamilton and Long
- Status:
 - Jan 11 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

H. 3349 - Overseas Absentee Voting

- Primary purpose(s):
 - U.S. citizens who have never lived in the U.S., but whose parents are registered in SC, may register to vote where the parents are qualified electors If they are not otherwise registered
- Beaufort County concerns: Uncertain
- Sponsors:
 - Clemmons and Sellers
- Status:
 - Jan 19 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

H. 3392 - Multi-faceted (S. 391)

- Primary purpose(s):
 - Establishes standing protocol for make-up elections
 - Opening absentee ballots may begin at 9 am
 - Accelerates party primary submissions to CEC and SEC from April 9 to April 5
 - Presidential/VP candidates must be certified to SEC NLT 1st Tues following 1st Mon in Sept
- Concerns:
 - 1 week between election and make-up day
- Sponsors: Clemmons and Sellers
- Status: Jan 20 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

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