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After almost 4 years and approximately \$11 Millions dollars of our money, Florida finally approved a Congressional District Map used to determine what neighborhoods are represented by what congressman..and who votes for whom.

How does it affect you?

You may have a little more say, with your next vote to determine which congressional and state senate candidate best represents your interests.

While redistricting normally occurs every ten years upon completion of the Census, it was argued that the map was not in line with the Fair District Amendments which required Districts not be creatively drawn to benefit a political party or incumbent. Expensive litigation and costly legislative special sessions were required to finally get the Congressional Map approved by the Florida Supreme Court. This process took almost 4 years and cost us over \$11 Million dollars.

Why is this important to you?

Well...there's lots of proposed laws affecting your property and home ownership rights.

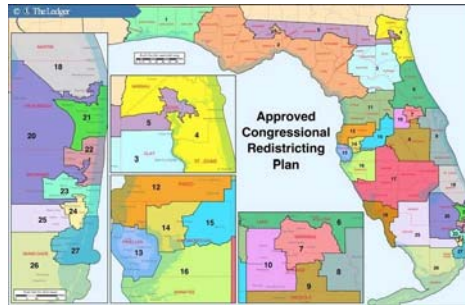
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Perhaps, candidates will not be so secure in their seats and will need to pay a little more attention to the needs of those of us living, owning and serving community associations.



So we're done right? Not yet. Now the redistricting turns to the State Senate to determine the State Senate redistricting map which has taken a similar course as the congressional map redistricting process. The Legislature recently held a 3 week session to redraw the State Senate map. And guess what? Our Legislators still couldn't agree on a Senate redistricting map.

Who's got the Power?

Incumbents, those candidates running for the same office they were already elected to have an insanely high rate to be re-elected again. It's almost a no-brainer. Big money, (ahh that's not community associations) invest in candidates who've already won before.

*Well now, there looks to be a little deck shuffling going on and we who live or own or serve folks living in community associations will have a real opportunity to ask or dare I say **PETITION** certain candidates to listen to our interests and not just to out-of-state mega banks and insurance companies that are "too big to fail."*

More to come...stay involved and keep your comments and questions coming.

Yours in Community,

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