

Madison County, MS Redistricting Guidelines

1. The difference in population between the least populous and the most populous districts shall not exceed Ten Percent (10%) for the ideal population for all districts, according to figures available from the most recent decennial census;
2. Such districting plan shall be established in a manner that insures the fair and effective representation of the racial minority group(s) in Madison County which are protected by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
3. District lines shall keep intact communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious or other;
4. Each district shall be contiguous;
5. Each district shall be as compact as possible;
6. Each district shall follow natural geographical boundaries, where possible;
7. Incumbent supervisors shall be separated into individual districts to the extent practicable, but only if such action does not affect adherence to the primary criteria;
8. In order to minimize voter confusion, proposed redistricting plan(s) shall be established in a manner that ensures minimal necessary change to boundaries presently established and to minimize split precincts.