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Greene County Clerk's Office ready for August primary election after new district lines drawn

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Aug. 2 primary election in Greene County will be the first to have new voting district lines for the Missouri House and Senate.

Under the leadership of Shane Schoeller, the Greene County Clerk's election team worked diligently over six weeks to make all the necessary voter changes, between the conclusion of the April 2022 election and the preliminary work for the August 2022 election that started in late May.

In a typical U.S. Census year, districts are released prior to the election year. However, the 2020 U.S. Census numbers were released and finalized by the Missouri House and Senate redistricting commissions earlier this year.

In any polling location that has more than one legislative House or Senate seat, each street must be individually assigned to the correct district.

"That process was very detailed and took time to ensure it was done properly. We worked hard to ensure each voter is in the correct legislative district as we made the changes during the time allowed between April and August," said Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller.

Due to the process requiring exact precision and detail, there was less time to review the work for accuracy to ensure each street address in precincts with more than one legislative district were correctly assigned. "With the shorter time period to make those changes than in the past, we recognize the importance of any voter who has a question wanting to verify for accuracy their legislative district," said Schoeller.

Voter identification cards were mailed to citizens earlier in the year without their legislative voting district, due to line changes being approved too late for them to be included.

If voters are unaware of or would like to verify their legislative district, they can use the Missouri Secretary of State's online tool by entering their home address on this website: https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/PRD/VoterOutreach/VOSearch.aspx.

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To help voters in a precinct or polling location with more than one legislative House or Senate district, the Clerk's Office will have printed maps on election day for voters to verify they're in the correct location.

"Our goal is to be open and transparent and assure every voter is voting the correct ballot when they come and vote on Tuesday," said Schoeller. "We want to emphasize it's okay if you have a question about your district on election day."

For more information on which candidates are on the ballot, live election results, and future elections, go to https://vote.greenecountymo.gov/ to learn more.

Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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