



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their "homework?", Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Voting Rights Acts and Open Meeting Law reviewed by County Law Director, Joe Jarret. Administrator of Elections, Cliff Rodgers made a recommendation that School Board and Commission districts be the same. We have a unique opportunity with 9 representatives for each body to completely align the voting districts. He stressed that his would make voting simpler, would better serve the public and save money. Tim Kuhn presented census data: Knox County has increased in population 13.14% from 382,032 (2000) to 432,226 (2010). The greatest increase for districts 6 & 5 (NW & W), greatest decrease for district 9 (Central City). 3 primary criteria set by committee for developing maps: 1) Insure boundaries will withstand all legal challenges, 2) At least 1 High School in each district 3) Minimize impact of change while keeping communities intact. Rick Emmett and Tim Kuhn will have 3 to 5 maps to present at the next Joint Committee meeting on Aug 18. A motion was made to call for public plans. Instructions for submission of a plan are on the redistricting website at www.knoxredistricting.org. Deadline for public submissions is July 28th. Only full plans including all district boundaries will be accepted. Comments on redistricting can be sent to redistricting@knoxcounty.org

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Observe and report on all future meetings Other: Complete information on the redistricting process can be accessed on the website. Aug 4th Redistricting Plans for public comment on website. Next meeting Aug 18th 4pm, 1st Floor Boardroom, Andrew Johnson Bldg, 912 S. Gay St

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Knox County Joint Redistricting Committee Date: July 21, 2011