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### **Guidelines for Carroll County Redistricting Committee**

- **Equal Population.** District plans shall be based on census blocks or other large units of census and political geography so that it will not be necessary to estimate the population of any district. To the extent possible, district plans shall not divide precincts unless necessary for population purposes.
- **Continuity.** The territory of each commissioner district should be contiguous. Although not legally nor constitutionally required, districts, to the extent possible should be contiguous including contiguity by water.
- **Compactness.** To the extent permitted by the other controlling considerations and by the geographical configuration of the State, the subdivisions, and the election precincts, each commissioner district should be compact in form. Although not legally or constitutionally required, districts to the extent possible should be compact. To the extent possible, recognition may also be given to prior boundaries.
- **Political Subdivisions.** High regard should be given to the boundaries of political subdivisions and, where possible, the splitting of municipalities should be avoided.
- **Natural Boundaries.** Due regard should be given to natural boundaries.
- **Precinct Lines.** To the extent possible the plan, as adopted, should follow established precinct lines as shown on the census maps and in the census redistricting population counts.
- **Communities of Interests.** The plan should be cognizant of consideration given to preserving identifiable communities of interest.
- **Cognizance of Existing Lines.** It is permissible for the plan to consider existing districts and incumbents.
- **Federal Voting Rights Act.** The districts must not undercut the opportunity for minority communities to elect candidates of choice. The Federal law has been on the books since 1965 and has a massive and complicated legal history and practice.