

RESOLUTION NO. 21-59

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD ADOPTING THE 2021 REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOLLOWING THE 2020 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/2-3002, the Ford County Board ("Board") is required to "reapportion its county so that each member of the county board represents the same number of inhabitants . . . ." every ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, in reapportioning its county, the County Board shall first determine the size of the county board to be elected; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board shall also determine whether board members shall be elected at large from the county or by county board districts; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Board determines that members will be elected by districts, it must develop an apportionment plan and specify the number of districts, the number of county board members to be elected from each district, and whether voters will have cumulative voting rights in multi-member districts (55 ILCS 5/2-3003(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, reapportionment of Ford County must be completed "by the day after the county board's regularly scheduled July meeting. . . ." (55 ILCS 5/2-3004); and

**WHEREAS**, if reapportionment of Ford County is not completed by the day after the county board's regularly scheduled July meeting, the Ford County Clerk "shall convene the county apportionment commission." (55 ILCS 5/2-3004); and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/3-3001, defines "Population" as "the number of inhabitants as determined by the last preceding federal decennial census; and

**WHEREAS**, the last preceding federal decennial census occurred in 2020; and

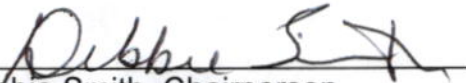
**WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau has announced operational adjustments and delays due to the COVID 19 pandemic and local data sets from the 2020 decennial census are not anticipated to be released by the Census Bureau until after July 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board acknowledges the requirement to utilize the 2020 federal decennial census data, but given the delay in releasing local data sets, it will be impossible to meet the July 2021 deadline to complete the reapportionment; and


**WHEREAS**, despite the foregoing, the Board wishes to enact, to the extent it can, a reapportionment plan pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/2-3003.

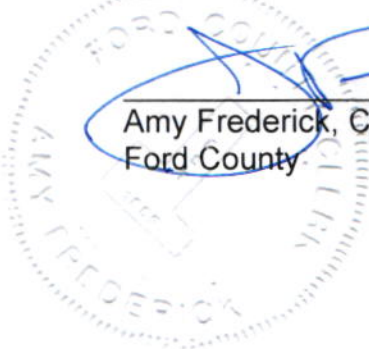
**THEREFORE, BE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Ford County Board that the Reapportionment Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A is adopted this date.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Smith, Chairperson  
Ford County

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Frederick, Clerk and Recorder  
Ford County



**EXHIBIT A**  
**REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOLLOWING THE 2020 CENSUS**

Effective the first Monday in December 2022 the Ford County Board ("Board") shall consist of twelve (12) members, with four (4) members being elected from three (3) County Board Districts as described hereafter.

1. The three (3) County Board Districts shall consist of:
  - a. District 1 – To be determined
  - b. District 2 – To be determined
  - c. District 3 – To be determined
2. The chairperson of said Board shall be elected by the members of said Board for a two-year term commencing the first Monday in December of 2022 each succeeding chairperson of said Board shall serve a two-year term and would be elected in the same manner. If a vacancy in the office of chairperson of said Board should occur, the members of said Board shall elect one of them to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of said chairperson.
3. The salary of the members of the Board shall be computed on a per diem basis of \$ 65.00 per day. In addition, the chairperson of the Board shall receive an additional \$ 7,500.00 per annum. Members of the Board and the chairperson of the Board are also entitled to travel and expense allowances as determined by the Board.
4. The members of the Board elected in November 2022, shall determine by lot which half of their membership in each district shall serve for a two (2) year term and which half shall serve a four (4) year term. Their successors shall be elected to the same terms as the original office holder.
5. If a vacancy on the Board occurs, said vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board within sixty (60) days thereafter, said appointment to be effective until next election of the Board members, at which time an election shall be held to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term.