

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Process to Create County Commission Districts

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Ballot Measure #9-173 passed in November 2024 which expands the County Commissioners to a five seat Board. The two new positions will be elected at-large in 2026 for an initial two-year term which will begin in January 2027.

The BOCC has indicated interest in creating Commissioner Districts through a ballot measure process. The accompanying PowerPoint provides BOCC considerations in developing a process to create districts which will ultimately require voter approval.

The purpose of this agenda item is to begin the process to discuss and select options to create the districts, including potentially answering the questions below at this meeting or a subsequent meeting in April.

Questions to be considered for today:

- 1. May 2026 or November 2026 Election?
- 2. BOCC or Committee districting map process?
- 3. If a Committee process, then what is the Committee Selection Process?

Based on the BOCC's direction on the questions above, staff will schedule a follow-up meeting in April to discuss and seek direction on process and timeline details.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$12,000 has been budgeted for FY 2026 to complete the process.

ATTENDANCE:

Nick Lelack, County Administrator Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager Steve Dennison, County Clerk