

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2021 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: November 23, 2021

Resolution No.: 312

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO § 3-12A-01 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

By the Council: November 23, 2021

Introduced, read the first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(1), the election districts for the Talbot County Board of Education (the “Board”) shall be established promptly following each decennial census; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(4)(ii), such election districts shall be reasonably compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population and, in accordance with legal principles established by law, with at least one such district encompassing residents in which a majority of the voting age population consists of racial minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2021, the County Council appointed a Redistricting Commission consisting of nine members, four of whom were nominated by the Democratic Central Committee, four of whom were nominated by the Republican Central Committee, and one of whom was an at-large nominee, in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2021, the Redistricting Commission formally presented its proposed redistricting plan for the Board’s election districts to the County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(4)(iii), no less than 15 calendar days and no more than 45 calendar days after the Redistricting Commission submits its plan, the County Council shall hold a public hearing on the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(4)(iv), the redistricting plan submitted by the Redistricting Commission becomes law 90 days after it is submitted to the County Council unless the County Council enacts a different redistricting plan before that date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND:**

**SECTION ONE:** Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01(d)(4)(iii), the County Council hereby schedules a public hearing on the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, to be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington St, Easton, Maryland 21601.

**SECTION TWO:** Notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County once a week for two successive weeks prior to the public hearing.

**SECTION THREE:** Following the public hearing, receipt of all public comment and closing of the record, the County Council will exercise the authority granted to it under Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 3-12A-01 to either adopt the redistricting plan submitted to it by the Redistricting Commission or enact a different redistricting plan on or before February 7, 2022. The redistricting plan submitted by the Redistricting Commission shall automatically become law, with no further action required by the County Council, on February 7, 2022, 90 days after it was submitted to the County Council, unless, before that date, the County Council enacts a different redistricting plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of its adoption.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Resolution No. 312 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

## BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: December 14, 2021

By Order



Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Divilio	-	Aye
Leshner	-	Aye
Price	-	Aye
Pack	-	Aye

Effective Date: December 14, 2021



Talbot County Council  
Courthouse – South Wing  
11 North Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

Dear Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission to formally present the findings of the Commission. The Board members appointed by the Council include:

Zach Smith (at-large member)  
Megan Berman (Democratic Central Committee)  
Edward Delaney, Ph.D. (Democratic Central Committee)  
Keasha Haythe (Democratic Central Committee)  
Maxwell McCall (Democratic Central Committee)  
Karla Wieland Cherry (Republican Central Committee)  
Janet Greenhawk (Republican Central Committee)  
Susan Roecker (Republican Central Committee)  
Jennifer Williams (Republican Central Committee)

In accordance with the Education Article § 3-12A-01, Md. Code Ann., the boundaries for the seven (7) Talbot County Board of Education election districts are required to be established promptly following each decennial census. The statute provides that the Redistricting Commission is to prepare a redistricting plan for the seven (7) Board of Education election districts. The districts are required to be reasonably compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population, and, in accordance with legal principles established by law, ensure that one (1) or more of the election districts encompasses residents in which a majority of the voting age population consists of racial minorities.

The Commission met on July 15, September 2, September 30 and October 7 to review current Election District maps as well as data from the 2020 Census. Based upon these meetings, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the changes that are depicted on the attached maps. These changes are minimal relative to the existing maps, but appear to meet all applicable legislative requirements and, in the opinion of the Commission, are advisable under the circumstances. The recommended changes are limited to a slight enlargement to District 1 aimed at increasing the minority population within this District, and a few minor refinements to certain District boundaries to better align with census block boundaries. Importantly, the recommended changes, if adopted by Council, will not cause any of the current members of the Board of Education to reside outside of their current District.

The Commission wants to acknowledge and thank the County staff for their invaluable support and input throughout this process.

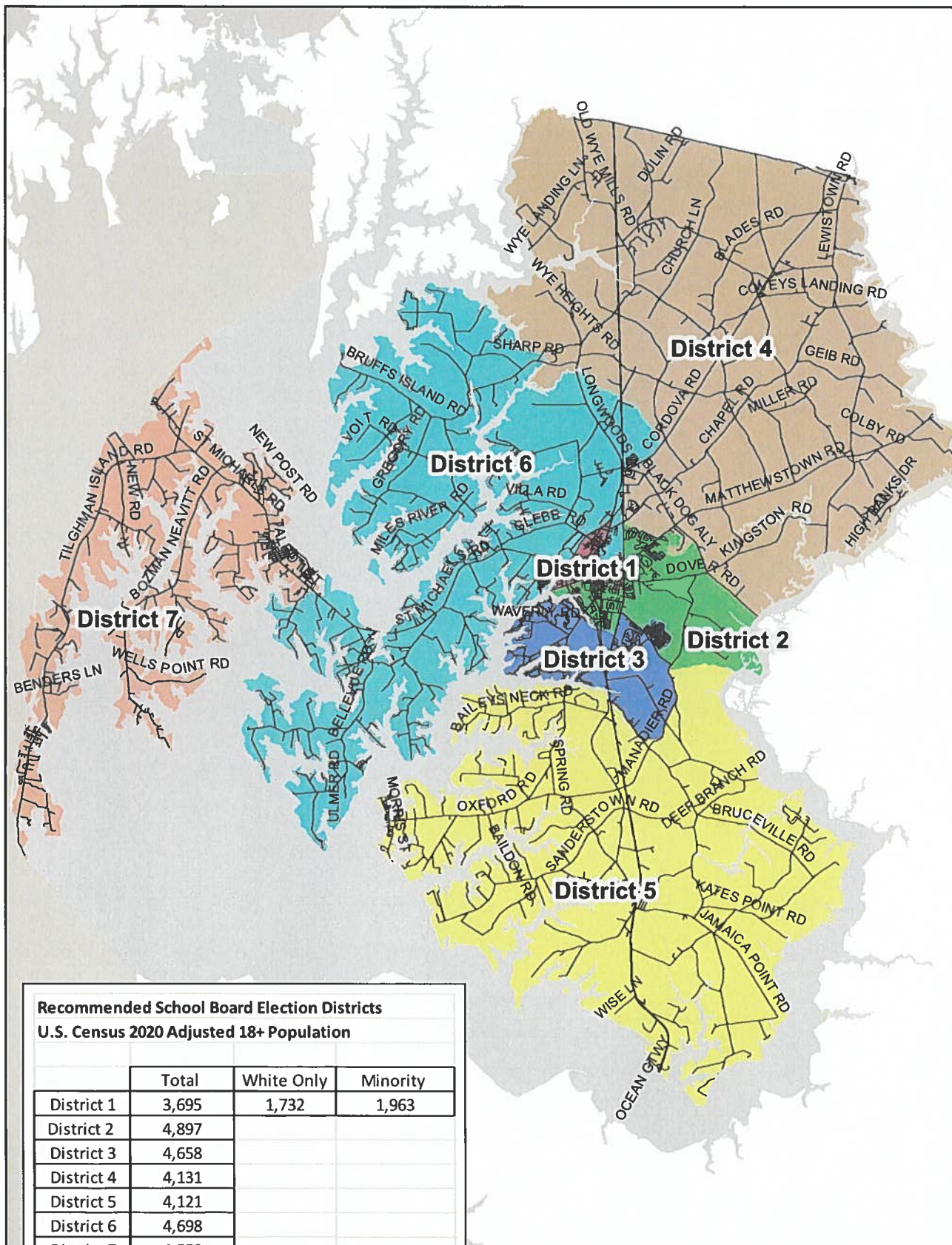
Please accept the attached maps as the Commission's recommendation to the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zach Smith', with a stylized, flowing script.

Zach Smith, Chairperson

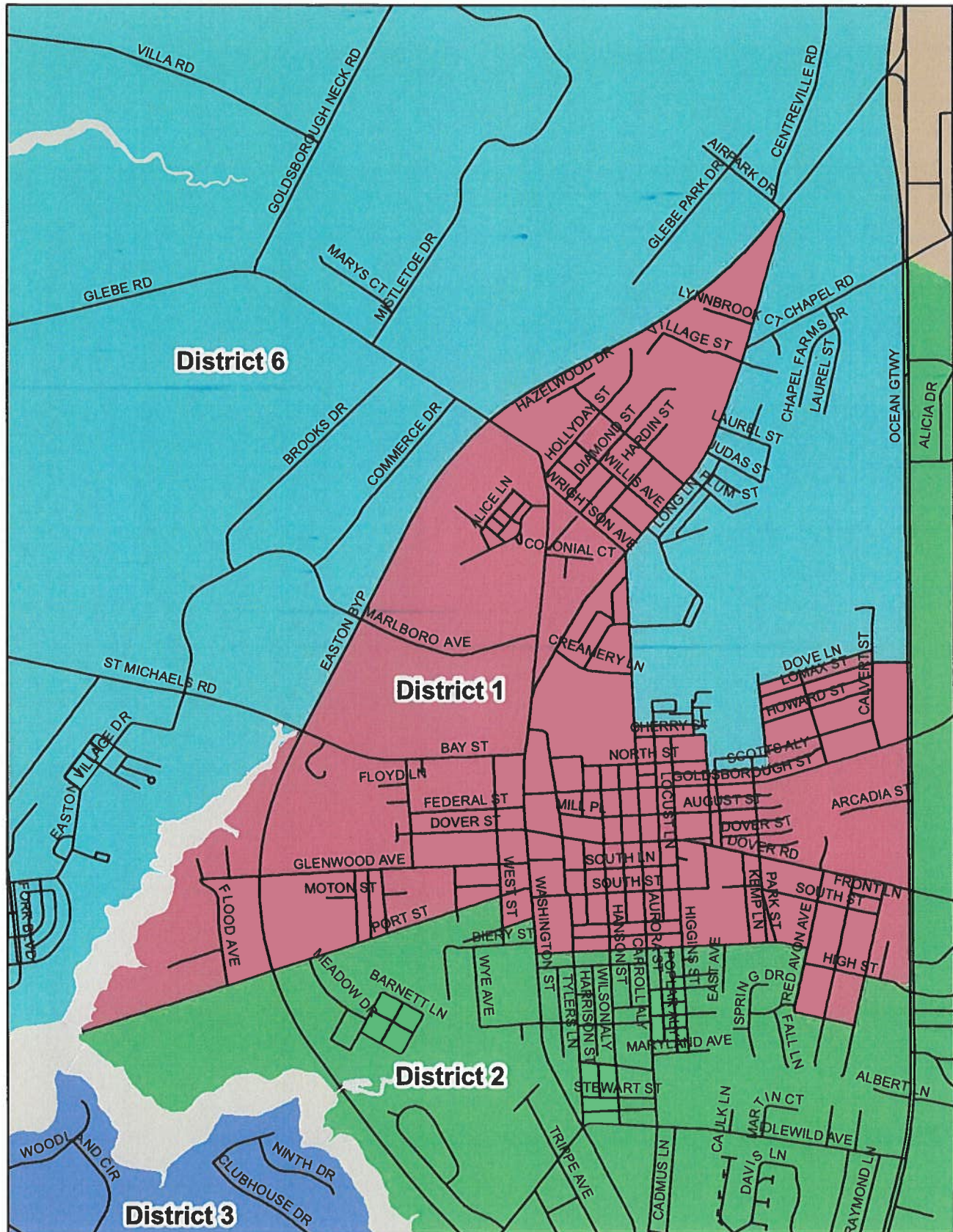
**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
School Board Election District Recommendations  
Proposed School Board Districts  
As Approved by the Commission on October 7, 2021**



**Recommended School Board Election Districts  
U.S. Census 2020 Adjusted 18+ Population**

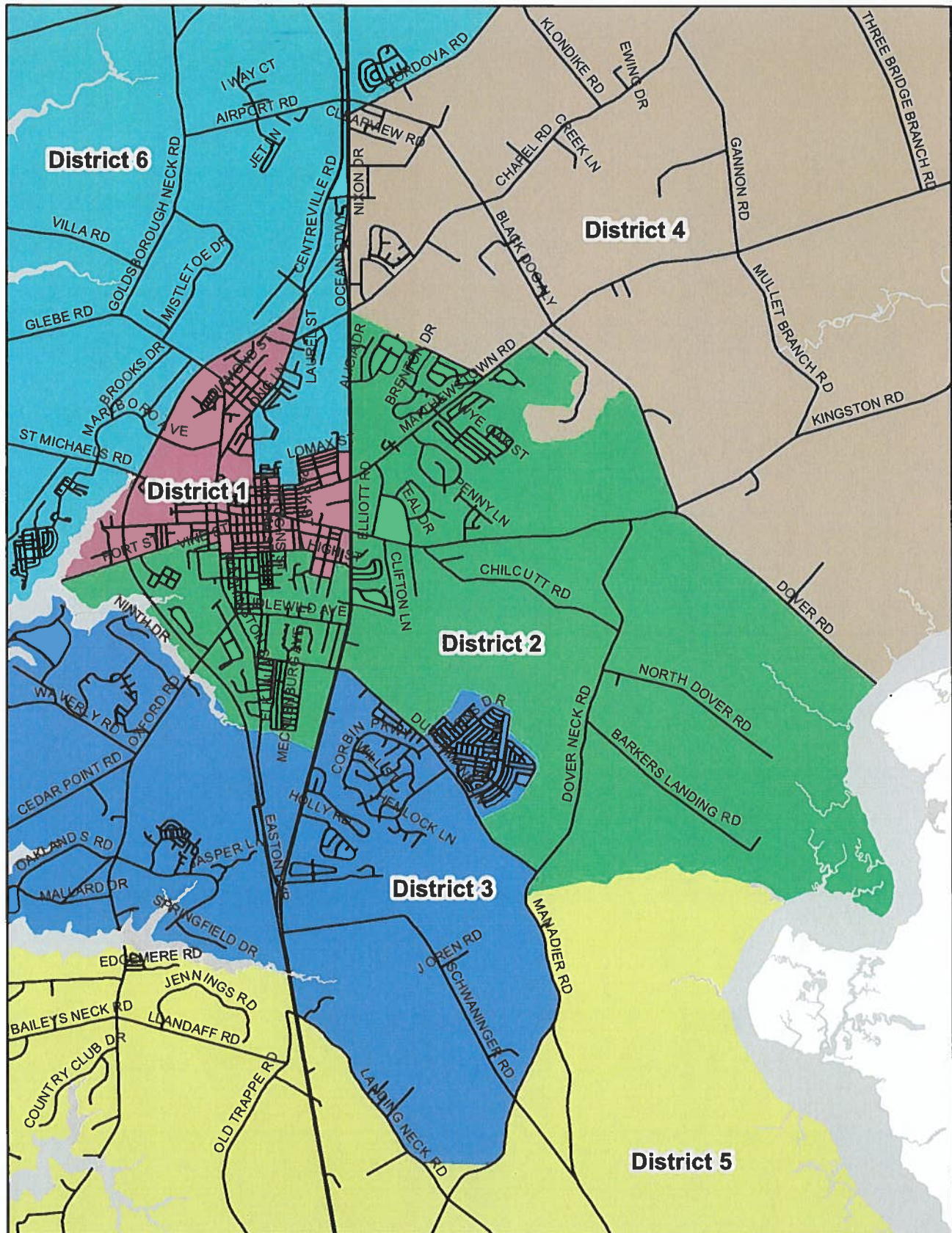
	Total	White Only	Minority
District 1	3,695	1,732	1,963
District 2	4,897		
District 3	4,658		
District 4	4,131		
District 5	4,121		
District 6	4,698		
District 7	4,550		
	30,750		





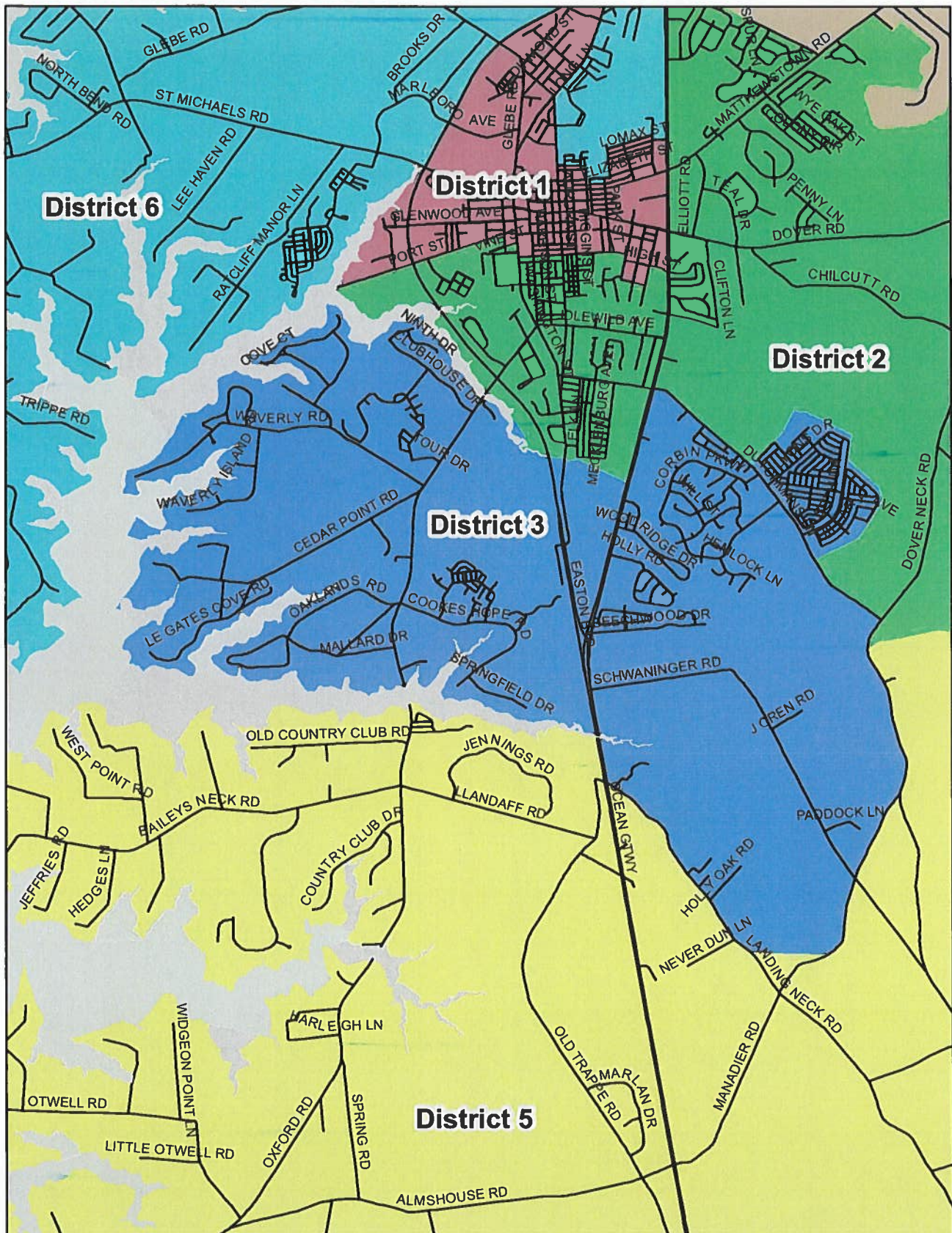


**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
 School Board Election District Recommendations  
 Proposed School Board District #2  
 As Approved by the Commission on October 7, 2021**



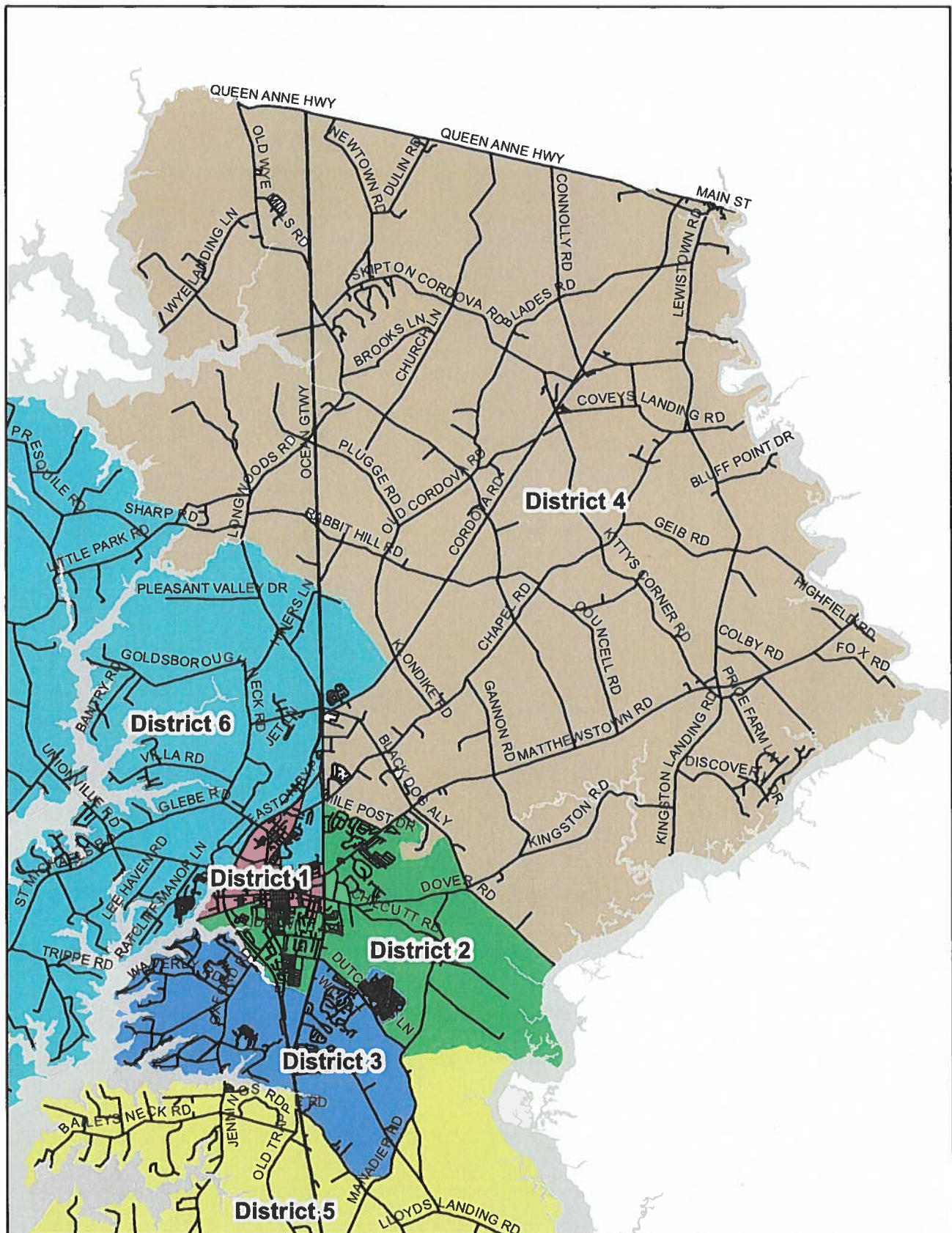


**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
School Board Election District Recommendations  
Proposed School Board District #3  
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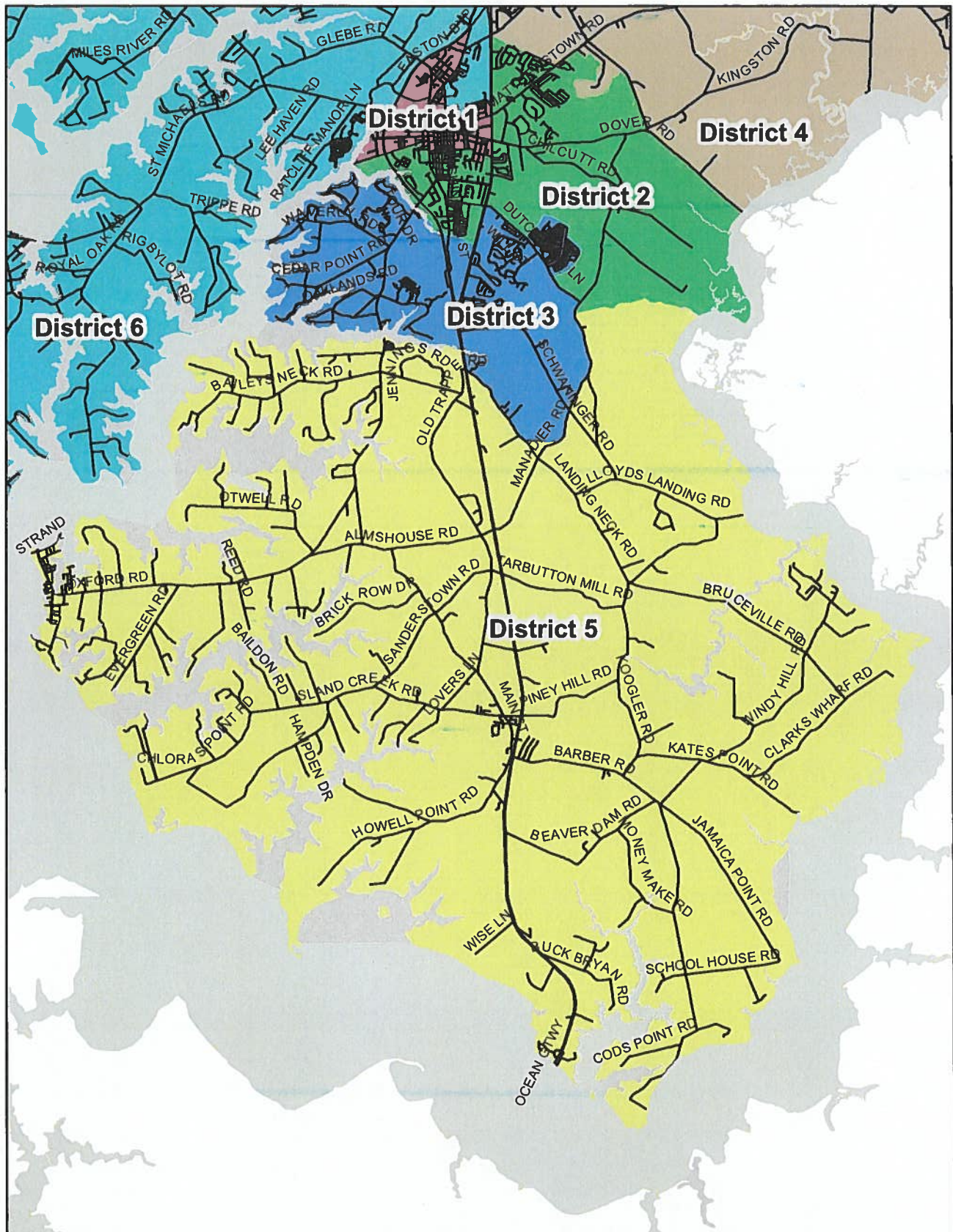


**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
 School Board Election District Recommendations  
 Proposed School Board District #4  
 As Approved by the Commission on October 7, 2021**



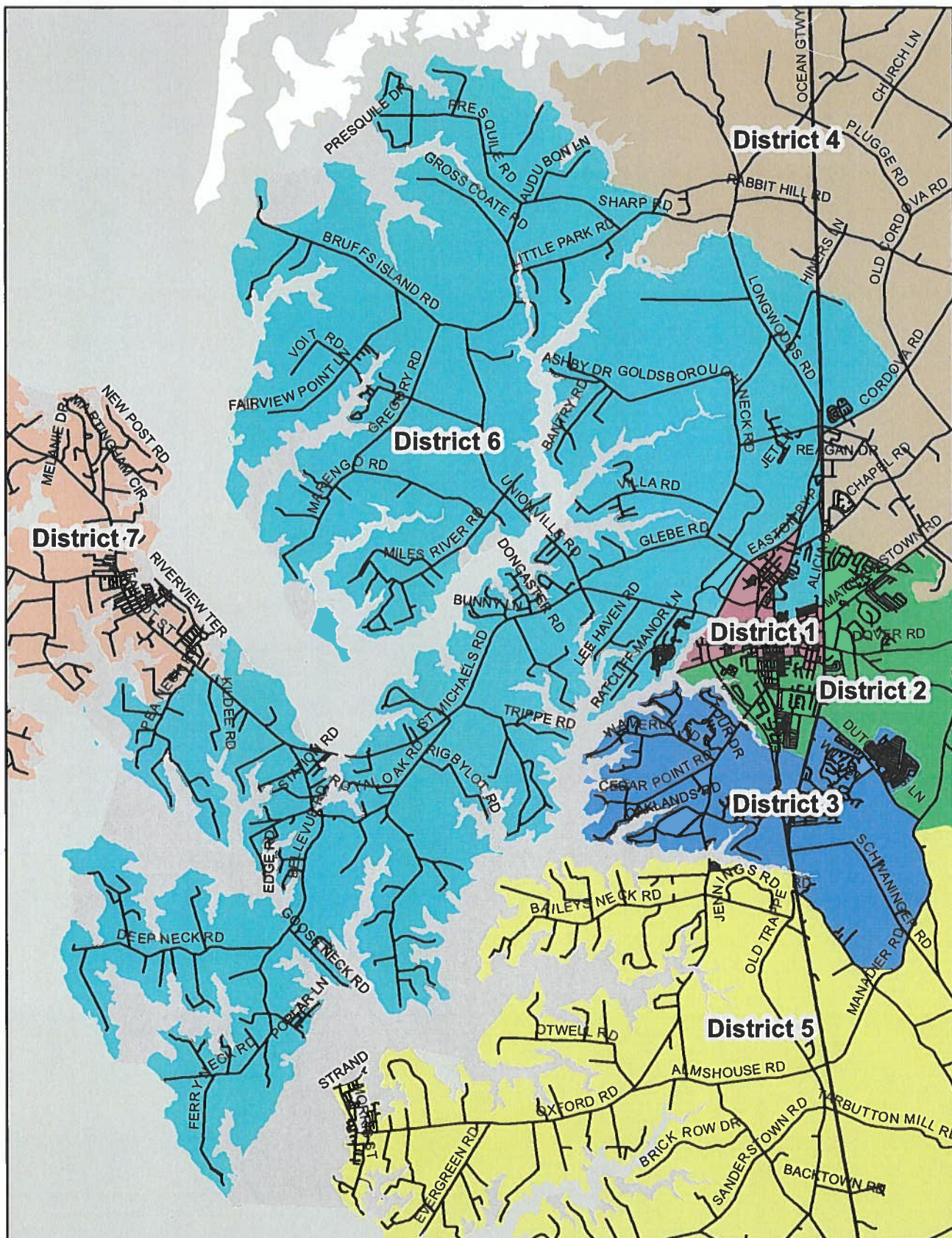


**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
School Board Election District Recommendations  
Proposed School Board District #5  
As Approved by the Commission on October 7, 2021**





**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
School Board Election District Recommendations  
Proposed School Board District #6  
As Approved by the Commission on October 7, 2021**





**Talbot County Board of Education Redistricting Commission  
School Board Election District Recommendations  
Proposed School Board District #7  
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