

Amendment #King

**Amendment to 2021 Guidelines and Criteria for Congressional and Legislative Redistricting**

Strike, "less than five percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or minus two and one-half percent for each South Carolina House district. Nevertheless, any overall deviation greater than five percent", and replace with **"less than ten percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or minus five percent for each South Carolina House district. Nevertheless, any overall deviation greater than ten percent"**.

IV. Equal Population/Deviation

- a. The population of the Congressional and legislative districts will be determined based solely on the enumeration of the 2020 federal decennial census pursuant to the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- b. The number of persons in Congressional districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable. The ideal population for Congressional districts shall be 731,204. In every case, efforts shall be made to achieve strict equality or produce the lowest overall range of deviation possible when taking into consideration geographic limitations.
- c. Legislative districts shall have substantial equality of population. The ideal population for a South Carolina House of Representatives district shall be 41,278. In every case, efforts should be made to limit the overall range of deviation from the ideal population to ~~less than five percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or minus two and one-half percent for each South Carolina House district. Nevertheless, any overall deviation greater than five percent~~ **less than ten percent, or a relative deviation in excess of plus or minus five percent for each South Carolina House district. Nevertheless, any overall deviation greater than ten percent** from equality of population among South Carolina House districts shall be justified when it is the result of geographic limitations, the promotion of a constitutionally permissible state policy, or to otherwise comply with the criteria identified in these guidelines.