

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A) RESOLUTION NO. 91-1416A
PROCESS FOR REAPPORTIONING METRO)
COUNCIL SUBDISTRICTS) INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENTAL
) AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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BE IT RESOLVED

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ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this
14th day of March, 1991.



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

cs:91-1416

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amended @ 3/14/91
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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1416A, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR
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Date: March 8, 1991

Presented by: Councilor Devlin

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 7, 1991 meeting, the Governmental Affairs Committee unanimously recommended Council approval of Resolution No. 91-1416A. Voting were Councilors Collier, Devlin, and Hansen. Councilors DeJardin and Knowles were excused.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Committee staff Casey Short described the contents of the resolution. Councilor Devlin called for public testimony, and one person testified. Mr. Bob Goldstein said he had been involved with redistricting since 1979, and pointed out that citizens can challenge a redistricting plan. He encouraged the committee to hold more than the one public hearing called for in the resolution. He further advised that he will be tracking our process. Councilor Devlin responded to Mr. Goldstein's point about public hearings, saying that the resolution called for at least one public hearing before the plan was developed; there will be more hearings on the plan as it is developed.

Councilor Collier suggested three amendments to the resolution, all in Exhibit A. The first called for clarification to the interview process called for in point #2. Councilor Devlin suggested a process, which would have each Councilor interviewed by two members of the Governmental Affairs Committee. A staff person would be present at each interview, the interviews would be recorded, and a summary of the interviews would be compiled and distributed to the Council. Councilor Hansen asked who would develop the questions to be asked in the interviews. Councilor Devlin responded that the interviews would focus on Councilors' insights into features of their districts, and would therefore not require a set list of questions; he said it was incumbent on Councilors to bring pertinent information to the committee.

Councilor Collier moved to delete reference to July 4 as a date for a committee meeting to approve a reapportionment ordinance; the amended resolution will refer to the first committee meeting in July. Finally, Councilor Collier moved to change the language in the July 25 paragraph to delete the reference to Council approving the reapportionment ordinance. The language will instead refer to Council voting on the ordinance, with no presumption of approval.

The committee approved the amendments, and then approved the resolution as amended.

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