

# GeoElections News

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## What Did Florida Do In The 1995 Redistricting Data Program?

Attached is a copy of the letter Florida leaders signed declining participation. Despite attempts in 1996 by the people at ICW to prevail upon the leadership to allow SOE's to participate, the policy expressed in the letter was final.

This historical decision emphasizes the importance of your role and the benefits for your county with your participation this decade.

## GeoElections® Enhanced

Enhancements include:

- New point-to-line.
- New Scheduler.
- New Legal Descriptions.
- New Multi-Unit file
- New Map Maker
- And many other features.

GeoElections - [Schedule Electronic Dictionary]

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Block Path & File name: G:\MANASSAS.ICW\DISTRICTS\SWTDBLK3.TAB Entire

GeoPoints:

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Business... Business Locations Path & Table name:

Discrete... Discrete Address Locations Path & Table name:

Multi-Unit... Multi-Unit Locations Path & Table name:

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Update Path:

Save As... Log File Path & File name:

Save As...

Log File Options: Max Size: 5 MB Clear File...

Schedule Task: Schedule Task...

OK Cancel

The scheduler can update the VR during off peak hours.

## Be A Player Ante Up For 2010

It appears Florida will participate in the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program and the SOE in each county will be invited to make a GIS data contribution. This is great news for all 67 counties and excellent for the **GeoElections®** client base.

The GIS base for the **GeoElections®** user is the US Census TIGER/Line Files (i.e. roads, blocks, etc.). The blocks are assigned to one or more geopolitical boundaries (GB) used to determine ballot style. The blocks are then aggregated to define precincts. When a GB crosses a block the result is a block split. Typically these are defined with new lines added to the TIGER database. These are the lines **GeoElections®** users will want added to the 2010 TIGER/Line Files for their own county. You can also add lines anticipated to define blocks need into the next decade.

As stated in the Federal Register/Vol. 69, No. 93/Thursday May 13, 2004 page 26547, "...States that choose to participate in Phase 2 will receive on a flow basis, geographic products (maps and/or computer files) for their use in submitting to the Census Bureau the voting districts and suggestions for the Census 2010 tabulation census block inventory."



### Cyber mapping

Rep. Wayne Johnson, R-9/Cheyenne, right, receives instruction on the TIGER Data (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing System) from Richard Memmel, Geographic Information Systems coordinator for the State of Wyoming on Wednesday. The system maintains and updates the Legislative District database in order to be ready for the nationwide census in 2000. The seminar on Geographic Information Systems was held at the Herschler Building.

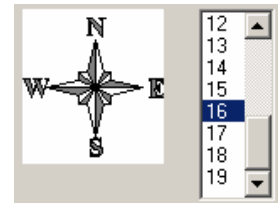
In 1995 ICW was awarded a contract from the Secretary of State of Wyoming in to build software for use in Phases 1 and 2.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GeoElections User's Conference: It is not too late to attend.

This year the theme is;

### Four Points of the Compass

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GeoElections User's Conference is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This year the conference will be held at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** located on the **University of South Florida** campus.



## Thank You To The Guest Speakers At The 2004 Annual GeoElections Conference

Last year's guest speakers were an overwhelming success. They included: Darlene Walker and Scott Miller (Clay County), Andy Montgomery (Duval County), Barbara Curtis (Pinellas County), and Chuck Smith (Hillsborough County).



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Speaker

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Martha Farnsworth Riche  
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U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20233

Dear Ms. Riche:

The State of Florida appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP, or Phase 1) and the Voting District Project (VTDP, or Phase 2). However, the Legislature is already producing voting district population estimates using census-derived population data and actual voting district boundaries for each election cycle as a part of its larger reapportionment efforts and intends to continue this activity. Since this information is public record, and therefore accessible to all, it will not be necessary for Florida to rely on the Census to provide population estimates by voting districts. Therefore, the State wishes to decline participation in the BBSP and VTDP.

Sincerely,

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