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Dear Friends:

If you search the internet for news on the North Carolina Senate, you will probably see a state court panel threw out North Carolina's state legislative maps as an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander and ordered lawmakers to draw up new ones in before September 18, 2019.

The panel of three judges struck down the maps in a 357-page ruling that focused on the level of political partisanship used to draw them. The maps were drawn in 2017 to replace previous maps, drawn in 2011, that had also been ruled unconstitutional. Both sets of maps were drawn by North Carolina's Republican-led legislature. This violated the rights of voters under the state Constitution's Equal Protection and Freedom of Assembly Clauses.

State lawmakers passed SB 69 : the 2019 Senate Consensus Nonpartisan Map this month. The entire process was conducted in full public view, including all map-drawing was done during public hearings with relevant computer screen visible to legislatures and observers.

Each of North Carolina's 13 United States representatives and 170 state legislators are elected from political divisions called districts. District lines are redrawn every 10 years following completion of the United States census. The federal government stipulates that districts must have nearly equal populations and must not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity.

"It is important that we have fairness in drawing maps, the voters want to elect those who are representing their best interest"

As always, please reach out to my office, or those of your other representatives, with your requests and concerns. Feedback always helps us to better serve you.

-Senator Joyce Waddell

Session News

Some bills that passed the Senate this month included:

- House Bill 29: Standing Up for Rape Victims Act of 2019.** The Proposed Committee Subcommittee to H.B. 29 provides \$6 million for the next two years to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits. The legislation also requires local agencies to send rape kits to an accredited lab for testing within 45 days of collection and requires more training for responders.
- House Bill 75: School Safety Funds, Programs, and Reports** requires all public students across the state to undergo mental health screening, in the name of school safety.
- House Bill 211: Various DMV Changes.** In this bill North Carolina drivers will have to replace their license plates every seven years and this bill includes changes to laws relating to motor vehicles to Eliminate the requirement for a signature space on a registration card, Authorize remote conversion of a provisional license to a regular drivers license and Require the Division of Motor Vehicles to waive lapse in financial responsibility penalties under certain circumstances when a person has moved to another state.
- Senate Bill 118: Prison Safety/TANF State Plan/Clarifications.** The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to Senate Bill 118 " mini-budget" takes language directly from the vetoed budget and includes more than \$4 million in nonrecurring funds for listed prison-safety expenditures.
- Senate Bill 429: Disaster Recovery - 2019 Budget Provisions.** The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to Senate Bill 429 transfers more than \$94 million from the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Reserve in the General Fund to the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund. Under the bill, \$17 million will revert back from the Department of

Agriculture and Consumer Services as reimbursement for composting programs to the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund. About \$2 million will be allocated for a pilot program providing flood insurance for low-income households.

- [Senate Bill 458: PTS Day/Cardiac Task Force/Titus's Law/Data](#). The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to Senate Bill 458 would designate June 27 of each year as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in North Carolina; establish the Joint Legislative Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Student Athletes (Task Force); address parental consent and the disposition of fetal remains; and authorize engagement with third party toxicology laboratories to guide resources.
- [Senate Bill 691: Emergency Operating Funds for Utilities](#) an act to modify the implementation of the North Carolina read to achieve program in order to attain statewide reading proficiency by the third grade. Senate voted 68-48 to pass the bill. Governor Cooper vetoed this bill on August 23, 2019.
- [Senate Bill 692: 2019 Senate Consensus Nonpartisan Map](#) would call for a change to the NC Constitution that would create an independent citizens redistricting commission to handle future redistricting.

You can read all bills, listen to session and committee meetings, and follow the work of the North Carolina General Assembly at www.ncleg.gov

Intern with Senator Waddell



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Serving You



Senator Waddell shared legislation with constituents during the "She Changed the World: NC Women Breaking Barriers" statewide programming running from March 2019 through November 2020!



Senator Waddell and the Mecklenburg Delegation composed of Senators and Representatives serving in the North Carolina General Assembly held a 4th "Listening" Session for the Community at the Creek Church and answered many questions as well as gained much insight related to concerns seeking major answers.





Senator Waddell Congratulating Dr. Richard A. Tankersley, the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development.



Senator Waddell was the key note speaker at the Second Ward National Alumni Reunion Banquet this month. Second Ward was the first high school for African American students in Charlotte, Second Ward High School was the heart of a once flourishing black neighborhood.

*I cannot achieve anything without my constituents.
Please reach out with any questions, or feedback you'd like to share. Thank you for your support!
-Senator Joyce Waddell*

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