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## Greetings:

*On Thursday, February 17th, the Senate voted on new redistricting maps for North Carolina. The NC Supreme Court ordered the General Assembly to produce redrawn maps by Friday, February 18th. These maps must pass a more fairly divided process. To see the newly drawn maps [click here](#).*

*Joyce Waddell*

## New Maps

North Carolina lawmakers have now passed new political districts for themselves and the state's 14 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives — but it is not the final decision, since the court system will still have a say in the matter next week. Earlier this month the N.C. Supreme Court ruled that the previous maps, drawn in 2021 and intended to be used from 2022 through 2030, violated the state

constitution.

Lawmakers faced a Friday deadline to submit proposed replacement maps to a trial court for review, and they took the final votes just before 7 p.m. Thursday on their redraws for the U.S. House, N.C. House and N.C. Senate. The state House map passed nearly unanimously, but the state Senate map was more controversial, passing along party lines.

It is possible to draw maps that are fair, but it requires both sides of the aisle being amicable and working together. I believe that we are capable of doing so, we just have to learn to be willing to listen to each other and put the best interests of the state at the forefront of our differences.

## **Tax Delays**

Tax season is starting late in North Carolina because the state budget was nearly five months late and included tax changes that impact this year's filings. The N.C. Department of Revenue announced this week that its new target date to start processing returns is Monday, Feb. 28. The department is encouraging taxpayers to file electronically.

Taxpayers can expect to begin receiving tax refunds in early April, according to the state agency. Tax season is starting late in North Carolina because the state budget was nearly five months late and included tax changes that impact this year's filings.

## **Substitute Teachers**

The Governor's administration has extended by another two months a deal in which North Carolina state employees can be paid as substitute teachers in K-12 schools while using special leave already provided to them for volunteer work. The temporary policy change, first announced by the governor last month, is designed to address school staffing shortages related to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. The modification was expected to end next week, but it was reported last Wednesday that the option would now continue through April 15. And workers will get more leave time for such activity, according to the new Office of Human Resources directive.

State workers can already use their community service leave — each full-time worker gets 24 hours — to volunteer in the schools. Usually

the time can not be used if the person is getting paid, but the policy announced in mid-January changed this policy. The updated policy Wednesday also gives workers an additional 24 hours of leave if it is used for working in schools. The leave can apply if the employees will be a paid replacement teacher, bus driver or cafeteria worker in public and private schools. It also would apply to training sessions that are required of those who offer to work in schools.

Senator Waddell is working tirelessly for Senate District 40, but she cannot do this alone. Can she count on your help to continue working for the district?

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*Although it appears we are heading in the right direction for COVID numbers, I would like to request that you continue to exercise caution. Even if the mask mandate is lifted, getting COVID is still a possibility. Continue to be vigilant about hand washing and social distancing.*

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