

## Redistricting Essentials

### *CONSOLIDATING THE RESULT OF THE 2010 ELECTION*

*November 12, 2010*

#### I. **Timeline:**

- a. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, there are only 78 days until the 2010 Decennial Census data becomes available and the redistricting begins.
- b. **Now that we had a spectacular election outcome, it's time to make sure the Democrats cannot take it away from us in 2011 and 2012**

#### II. **Technology/Data:**

- a. You must have identified all the political data you need to draw the lines and to prevail in any litigation.
- b. You need to identify the source of all required data and make provisions to collect what additional data is required. Primary elections will be required in some states for Voting Rights Act issues. Particular emphasis should be placed on elections involving minority versus non-minority contests – even including county and local elections were appropriate. This underscores the need for a legal strategy (see below).
- c. **You need to complete work on your election history precinct-level database as quickly as possible and be prepared to incorporate the results of the 2010 election into your redistricting database.**
- d. All the stakeholders in your state need to identify what software system they will use and what hardware is required to host it. Will public funds be available? Will other resources be required from GOP sources?

#### III. **Legal Preparations:**

- a. Most states will have litigation of some type.
- b. Litigation is expensive. Will litigation be paid for using public or private sources, or both?
- c. Litigation could even start right now, directly after the elections. Is funding available?
- d. **You should already have a legal strategy and access to experienced redistricting counsel.**
- e. Your redistricting legal record has already begun. Avoid misstatements in public or emails: (Keep it simple, such as “We want a FAIR process that follows all the requirements of the law.”)

#### IV. **Training:**

- a. The RNC can train you on the use of Maptitude for Redistricting, but you will need to pay the travel expenses to come to Washington, DC.
- b. CD's with the training materials from the April 2010 RNC's GOP Redistricting Conference are available on request.
- c. **If you have questions, please call us at the RNC. That's what we're here for.**

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