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Arapahoe County approves new election precinct map *Voter precinct boundaries redrawn to reflect reapportioned legislative districts*

LITTLETON, CO – New voting precincts and boundaries in Arapahoe County that reflect changes in the state's congressional and legislative districts were approved Jan. 3 by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office was charged with redrawing the election precinct map following the reapportionment of Colorado's senatorial and representative districts and the County's commissioner districts. Nearly all of these districts changed as a result of population changes in the 2010 Census.

"As a result of the redistricting, the majority of Arapahoe County's voters will see a change in their precinct number and/or their Congressional, State Senate or House and Commissioner Districts," said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. "Voters will receive information cards within a couple of weeks advising them of these changes."

By law, a precinct should be established for every 1,500 active voters, or up to 2,000 by Board approval. Each precinct must fall within the boundaries of a legislative and congressional district.

In order to accommodate district changes on its precinct map, Arapahoe County adjusted the boundaries of 51 precincts, combining some neighboring precincts while creating new precincts elsewhere. These changes resulted in a net increase of 12 precincts, from 369 to 381.

The changes in precincts will not affect where voters can cast a ballot in General and Coordinated Elections because Arapahoe County is using Vote Centers, which replace precinct polling places.

The 2012 Primary Election in June will be conducted by mail-in ballot only. The 2012 General Election in November will be a Vote Center election, which means registered voters can vote early, vote by mail or cast a ballot at one of approximately 30 Vote Centers on Election Day, Nov. 6, regardless of where they live in the County.

Printed precinct maps are available for purchase from the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 5334 South Prince St. in Littleton. For more information on elections in Arapahoe County or to update your voting preferences, please call 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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