

June 20, 2008

The Honorable R. Fred Lewis
Chief Justice, and Justices of
The Supreme Court of Florida
The Supreme Court Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1925

RE: Standards for Establishing Congressional District Boundaries

Dear Chief Justice Lewis and Justices:

On June 18, 2008, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, section 10, Florida Constitution, and section 16.061, Florida Statutes, I petitioned this Honorable Court for an advisory opinion on the initiative petition seeking to amend the Florida Constitution to provide standards for establishing congressional district boundaries.

On June 18, 2008, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference, in accordance with the provisions of section 100.371(5)(a), Florida Statutes, forwarded to this office a financial impact statement on the initiative petition.

Therefore, I respectfully request this Honorable Court's opinion as to whether the financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference on the constitutional amendment, proposed by initiative petition, entitled "Standards For Establishing Congressional District Boundaries" (a copy of which is attached) is in accordance with section 100.371, Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail delivery this 20th day of June, 2008, to the following:

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