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RE: Submission of Proposed Precinct Consolidation Plan  
– **Lake County Republican Chairman, Daniel E. Dernule**

The following proposed plan is an updated submission to the Commission for consideration under Public Law 262 and the procedures adopted by the Commission at its June 23, 2017 meeting. This plan is an updated plan of the lodged report by from the June 30<sup>th</sup> Lake County Election Board Meeting. This plan results in a consolidation of 154 precincts with neighboring precincts. The anticipated cost savings in polling location personnel alone are \$102,530 per election and \$615,180 per 4-year election cycle.

Currently 11 of Lake County's total precincts (2%) are already over 1,200 active voters. Currently our largest precinct is in Cedar Lake 2, in the south part of our county, with 1391 active voters. This plan does not result in any consolidation that would exceed our already existing largest precinct, Cedar Lake 2. This plan will increase the number of precinct that are over 1,200 by 23 precincts. It will result in Lake County having 34 precincts over 1,200 with the largest precinct still being Cedar Lake 2 with 1391 active voters.

The submitted plan includes a narrative and maps in paper form depicting the proposed consolidation for prompt distribution to the IEC members and the public. It is accompanied by an IEC-8 Precinct Summary Form(s) for each affected precinct. In completing our proposal, we compacted/consolidated the precincts within each district boundary as prescribed by law, combining precincts that were already voting at the same polling locations, railroad tracks, main roads, water ways and other items such as avoiding corner mergers. Within the plan various detail is provided such as sample distances to polling locations. We consulted with various elected officials, voters and the public. All care was given to ensure that unreasonable obstacles were not created.

Our plan reduces the costly inefficiencies of the outdated small precincts and creates precincts more equally representative of our voting population.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel E. Dernule  
The Lake County Republican Chairman