

**Caroline County
Board of Supervisors Agenda
Executive Summary**

Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

Title: New Business – Request from Caroline County Electoral Board to Submit Request to State Board of Elections for a Waiver to Allow a Split Precinct

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Summary: As indicated in the attached memorandum from Registrar/Director of Elections Kathy McVay, the Electoral Board is asking the Board of Supervisors to consider submitting a waiver request to the State Board of Elections to allow a split precinct in the Port Royal District. Without a waiver, a new precinct will be required at Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church. The waiver request is due to the small number of voters the new precinct would serve and the associated cost.

Additional information is included in Ms. McVay's memorandum.

Budget Impact: The estimated cost to create a new precinct is \$10,000.

Requested Action from Board of Supervisors: Discuss and direct staff



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February 3, 2022

To: Charles Culley, County Administrator

From : Kathy McVay, Registrar/Director of Elections

Subject: Creation of New Precinct at Wright's Chapel

History: Due to the new law that does not allow split precincts, the current plans for re-precincting in Caroline include the creation of a new precinct at Wright's Chapel in the Port Royal District. The new precinct will serve voters who will now be located in the 66th House of Delegates District. The rest of the Port Royal District (Woodford and Port Royal Precincts) will be located in the 67th House of Delegates District.

The Caroline Electoral Board at its meeting on February 1, 2022 discussed the issue and felt the creation of a new precinct at Wright's Chapel was costly and would only serve a small number of voters. The estimated population is 800 and voting age population would be around 577. The creation of a new precinct is estimated to cost \$10,000.

Request: The Caroline Electoral Board is requesting that the Board of Supervisors consider requesting a waiver from the State Board of Election for the creation of a new precinct at Wrights Chapel. This wavier is considered yearly and is subject to approval.