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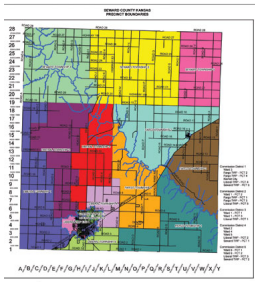
Commission district lines on Seward County maps will now look a little different thanks to a unanimous vote Monday.

Elections deputy Crystal Clemens gave a brief presentation to the county commission prior to the vote, and she said county commission district lines are subject to alteration at least once every three years.

“The Seward County Commission Districts have remained the same since the 1990 election, in which the county went from three commissioners to five commissioners,” she said.

Clemens said the most recent population figures from the U.S. Census, not the number of registered voters, are used to determine redistricting.

“In April of 2012, our office, along with the commission and the GIS department, met in a work session to review population figures and discuss the need for redistricting in Seward County,” she said.



Clemens said she and Lisa Olson of the county’s geographic information system department worked to move precinct lines to provide equal population between commission districts. Those preliminary changes were presented to the commission during the April 2012 work session.

“Tonight, I present the final resolution, precinct description and maps for your approval,” Clemens said. “Following approval by the board, the resolution will be published, districts will be updated, and new notice of disposition cards will be mailed to voters whose wards and precincts change.”

Clemens was asked how many voters would be affected by the redistricting. Although a precise number could not be provided, she did say many people would now be located in different commission districts.

“It’s going to be sizeable amount,” she said. “I couldn’t tell you an exact number right off the bat.”

## **Redistricting approved**

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The commission voted unanimously to approve a resolution calling for redistricting in Seward County. The resolution will take effect upon publication in the Leader & Times.