Snohomish County Council

Committee:	Finance	**Analyst:**	Jim Martin
ECAF:	2023-0266		
Proposal:	Ordinance 23-021	**Date:**	March 22, 2023

Consideration:

The Executive's Office requests Council adopt the changes to voting precinct boundaries as permitted by SCC 2.47.040, RCW 29A.16.040, and RCW 29A.16.050.

Background

Under Snohomish County Code 2.47, the Snohomish County Auditor may temporarily adjust precinct boundaries to account for changes following the federal decennial census, annexations to cities/districts and population shifts. Additionally, Snohomish County Code allows the Snohomish County Auditor to temporarily adjust precinct boundaries under the provisions of RCW 29A.16.040 and RCW 29A.161.050. An ordinance submitted to the Council to adjust voting precinct boundaries must be adopted by Council no later than April 14, 2022.

Under RCW 29A.16.040, the Snohomish County Auditor may adjust precinct boundaries at any time unless it is within 14 days of the first day candidates can begin to file for the primary election.

Current Proposal

Scope: Ordinance 23-021 makes the following changes as detailed in Exhibit A:

Changes to precincts to reduce voter counts	11
Changes to precincts due to annexations	6
Total	**17**
Last year's number of precincts	843
New precincts created	9
Precincts dissolved	0
Total number of precincts	**852**

Due to these changes, the following charts show the impacts to Council District precincts:

Council District	2022	2023
1	187	191
2	162	162
3	155	157
4	156	156
5	183	186

Duration: Until modified by Ordinance

Fiscal Impacts: NONE

2023 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: YES.

Analysis: This request is consistent with RCW and SCC

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on April 5th to set a time and date for a public hearing. Following receipt of public testimony at the scheduled public hearing, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 23-021 or provide other direction to staff.