



# Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission approved several motions at its April 18, 2001, meeting.

- The Commission adopted the state of Montana in its entirety as the U.S. Congressional District for the state.
- The Commission decided to hold a May 4 conference call to respond to Attorney General McGrath's proposal to enter into the Old Person v. Brown (Cooney) litigation as a party to a settlement agreement.
- The Commission has chosen as its starting point for the 2000 round of redistricting the area of the state that contains the proposed two House Districts and proposed Senate District at issue under the Old Person litigation regarding the districts based on the 1990 Census. For the legislative redistricting based on the 2000 Census, the Commission will begin its work on the House Districts at issue in Old Person in Glacier County, with any corresponding changes that need to be made west of the Continental Divide, and will proceed clockwise through Cascade County and along the Hi-Line to eastern Montana. Upon completion of eastern Montana, the Commission will proceed west through southcentral Montana, completing central and southwest Montana, and will then proceed north through the western third of the state.
- The Commission will decide when to begin its public hearing schedule depending on the response to the settlement proposal.

The Conference Call on Attorney General McGrath's proposal for settlement will be held:

**Friday, May 4, 2001**

**10:30 a.m.**

The call will originate from **Room 102 in the Capitol Building** and the public is welcome to attend.

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