Commission Plans

In a July 2011 meeting, commissioners provided “themes” for staff to follow when drafting plans:

- Emphasize clear lines between population centers and rural areas (aka Urban Rural)
- Use the existing districts as a starting point (aka Existing)
- Attempt to keep political subdivisions intact when possible (aka Subdivision)
- Emphasize the commission’s criterion on relative population equality between the districts (aka Deviation)
Commission Plans

All plans must follow commission’s mandatory criteria:

- Population equality and maximum population deviation
  - Ideal state house district size = 9,894 people
  - Population deviation of +/- 3% (9,597 to 10,190)
- Compact and contiguous districts
- Protection of minority voting rights and compliance with the Voting Rights Act
- Race cannot be the predominant factor to which the traditional discretionary criteria are subordinated.
Commission Plans

The commission also adopted discretionary criteria to guide the redistricting process:

- Following the lines of political units
- Following geographic boundaries
- Keeping communities of interest intact
Review Process

• Staff presentation of a plan’s highlights
• Commissioner questions
• Repeat for other commission-requested plans

• Presentation of any publicly submitted plans (including plans by individual commissioners)
• Commissioner questions

• Public comment
  • Although initial public comment will be taken on the plans, please remember to keep remarks brief. The commission’s 14 scheduled public hearings from March to May are a more appropriate time to make lengthy comments.
Review Process – Staff Presentation

- Look at the statewide footprint
- Outline plan statistics
- Review areas affected by the Voting Rights Act requirements
- Review the population centers
- Discuss other notable plan features
Plan Notes

- Plan Naming Scheme
  - Plans are denoted by their theme (existing districts, urban-rural divide, and so on) and a draft number (100 is the first draft; 200, 300, 400 will be used to denote any subsequent versions).
  - Each plan is a draft. Commissioners can revise or reject any or all of these plans.
Plan Notes

- There are several ways to look at maps for each plan
  - On the web:
    - Statewide and city snapshots;
    - Interactive Google maps
  - Download:
    - Files for use in GIS program
    - Files for use in free Google Earth viewer
Existing 100

Theme:
Use existing districts as a starting point for redrawn districts.
Existing 100 - Statewide
Existing 100 - Statewide

- Overall range: 4.37% (432 people)
- Largest district: 10,085 people (1.93% deviation)
- Smallest district: 9,653 people (-2.44% deviation)
- Mean deviation: 0.81% (80.31 people)
## Existing 100 – Voting Rights Act

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Existing 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 15 – portions of the Flathead Reservation and the Blackfeet Reservation; includes Arlee (existing district 15)

District 16 – Blackfeet Reservation; includes north part of Cut Bank (existing district 16)
Existing 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 31 – Fort Peck (existing district 31)

District 32 – Rocky Boy’s Reservation and Fort Belknap (existing district 32)
Existing 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 41 –
Northern Cheyenne Reservation,
southern Rosebud County, western Powder River, and eastern Crow Reservation
(existing district 41)

District 42 – Crow Reservation and western Big Horn County, including most of Hardin
(existing district 42)
Existing 100 - Billings
Existing 100 - Bozeman
Existing 100 - Butte
Existing 100 – Great Falls
Existing 100 - Helena
Existing 100 - Kalispell
Existing 100 – Questions?

- Questions from Commissioners
Urban Rural Plan 100

Theme:
Emphasize clear lines between population centers and rural areas.
Urban Rural 100 - Statewide
Urban Rural 100 - Statewide

- Overall range: 5.90% (584 persons)
- Largest district: 10,185 persons (2.94% deviation)
- Smallest district: 9,601 persons (-2.96% deviation)
- Mean deviation: 1.50% (148.35 persons)
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Urban Rural 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 16 – portions of the Flathead Reservation and the Blackfeet Reservation; includes Arlee (existing district 15)

District 17 – Blackfeet Reservation; excludes Cut Bank (existing district 16)
Urban Rural 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 23 – Rocky Boy’s Reservation and Fort Belknap (existing district 32)

District 24 – Fort Peck (existing district 31)
Urban Rural 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 31 –
Northern Cheyenne Reservation, southern Rosebud County, and eastern Crow Reservation, including Wyola (existing district 41)

District 32 – Crow Reservation and western Big Horn County, including Hardin (existing district 42)
Urban Rural 100 - Butte
Urban Rural 100 – Great Falls
Urban Rural 100 - Helena
Urban Rural 100 - Kalispell
Urban Rural 100 – Questions?

- Questions from the Commissioners?
Subdivision 100

Theme:

Attempt to keep political subdivisions intact when possible
Subdivision 100 - Statewide
Subdivision 100 - Statewide

- Overall range: 5.88% (582 people)
- Largest district: 10,184 people (2.93%)
- Smallest district: 9,602 people (-2.95%)
- Mean deviation: 1.70% (168.15 people)
### Subdivision 100 – Voting Rights Act

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Subdivision 100 – Voting Rights Act

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District 17 – Blackfeet Reservation; splits Cut Bank (existing district 16)
Subdivision 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 33 – Rocky Boy’s Reservation and Fort Belknap (existing district 32)

District 32 – Fort Peck (existing district 31)
Subdivision 100 – Voting Rights Act

District 38 –
Northern Cheyenne Reservation,
Powder River County, southern Rosebud County, and eastern Crow Reservation, including Wyola (existing district 41)

District 39 – Crow Reservation and western Big Horn County, including Hardin (existing district 42)
Subdivision 100 - Billings
Subdivision 100 - Butte
Subdivision 100 – Great Falls
Subdivision 100 - Missoula
Subdivision 100 – Questions

- Questions from the Commissioners?
Deviation 100

Theme:
Emphasize the commission’s criterion on relative population equality between the districts
Deviation 100 - Statewide
Deviation 100 - Statewide

- Overall range: 3.75% (371 people)
- Largest district: 10,078 (1.86% deviation)
- Smallest district: 9,707 (-1.89% deviation)
- Mean deviation: 0.71% (69.77 people)
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