

REDISTRICTING INFORMATION

I. One Person One Vote

- Districts must be substantially equal in population
- Plus or minus 5% deviation from ideal population
(10% total deviation from ideal population)

II. Minority Voting Rights

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act was originally a restatement of the 15th Amendment and applies to all jurisdictions. It prohibits any state or political subdivision from imposing a voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice or procedure in a manner which results in the denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race or color.

Objectives:

- Do not dilute the voting power of ethnic/language minority groups
 - Hispanics
 - African Americans
 - Native Americans
- Give minority population an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice

The Courts have developed a three-part test that a minority group must meet in order to establish a vote dilution claim under Section 2. The test requires that a minority group prove that:

1. It is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district;
2. It is politically cohesive; and
3. In the absence of special circumstances, bloc voting by the White majority usually defeats the minority's preferred candidate.

Practices that are suspect under Section 2 include "Cracking" and "Packing". (See illustration in Research and Polling materials)

III. Traditional Districting Principles

Since 1993, five policies or goals have been judicially recognized as "traditional districting principles:"

1. Equal population,
2. Minority voting rights (Section 2 Voting Rights Act)

3. Compactness, (*see illustration in Research and Polling materials*)
4. Contiguity, (*see illustration in Research and Polling materials*)
5. Preservation of communities of interest,

IV. Illustration using current City Council Districts based on 2000 Census Data (*see attachment A*)

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				Non - Hispanic Origin				
District	Pop	Deviation	Hispanic	White	Native American	Black	Asian	2 Or More Races
1	47,968	-1,877 -3.8%	33,705 70.3%	10,161 21.2%	1,442 3.0%	1,618 3.4%	334 0.7%	640 1.3%
Adult:	32,407		21,704 67.0%	7,970 24.6%	967 3.0%	1,110 3.4%	277 0.9%	333 1.0%
2	50,002	157 0.3%	28,113 56.2%	17,693 35.4%	1,984 4.0%	902 1.8%	483 1.0%	739 1.5%
Adult:	37,671		19,806 52.6%	14,880 39.5%	1,431 3.8%	634 1.7%	381 1.0%	479 1.3%
3	49,396	-449 -0.9%	27,527 55.7%	16,070 32.5%	1,776 3.6%	1,895 3.8%	1,166 2.4%	821 1.7%
Adult:	38,425		19,545 50.9%	14,373 37.4%	1,371 3.6%	1,495 3.9%	946 2.5%	582 1.5%
4	49,569	-276 -0.6%	12,055 24.3%	32,585 65.7%	1,388 2.8%	951 1.9%	1,543 3.1%	909 1.8%
Adult:	38,100		8,637 22.7%	25,949 68.1%	1,042 2.7%	710 1.9%	1,135 3.0%	533 1.4%
5	47,953	-1,892 -3.8%	18,065 37.7%	25,270 52.7%	1,607 3.4%	1,288 2.7%	715 1.5%	888 1.9%
Adult:	34,062		11,825 34.7%	19,028 55.9%	1,202 3.5%	902 2.6%	559 1.6%	467 1.4%
6	51,554	1,709 3.4%	21,946 42.6%	22,266 43.2%	2,907 5.6%	1,889 3.7%	1,392 2.7%	1,023 2.0%
Adult:	39,456		14,880 37.7%	19,394 49.2%	1,994 5.1%	1,372 3.5%	1,082 2.7%	632 1.6%
7	51,671	1,826 3.7%	14,050 27.2%	33,129 64.1%	1,234 2.4%	1,163 2.3%	1,157 2.2%	855 1.7%
Adult:	40,787		10,034 24.6%	27,536 67.5%	897 2.2%	844 2.1%	889 2.2%	520 1.3%
8	51,149	1,304 2.6%	9,061 17.7%	38,034 74.4%	774 1.5%	942 1.8%	1,361 2.7%	830 1.6%
Adult:	40,218		6,515 16.2%	30,811 76.6%	590 1.5%	718 1.8%	1,025 2.5%	463 1.2%
9	49,345	-500 -1.0%	14,553 29.5%	28,687 58.1%	1,701 3.4%	1,728 3.5%	1,538 3.1%	1,033 2.1%
Adult:	37,389		9,809 26.2%	23,397 62.6%	1,179 3.2%	1,160 3.1%	1,195 3.2%	572 1.5%
Totals	448,607	Ideal: 49,845	179,075 39.9%	223,895 49.9%	14,813 3.3%	12,376 2.8%	9,689 2.2%	7,738 1.7%
Adult:	338,515		122,755 36.3%	183,338 54.2%	10,673 3.2%	8,945 2.6%	7,489 2.2%	4,581 1.4%

Attachment A