

Public Submission to the West Virginia Legislature Joint Committee on Redistricting

Date Document Received: August 24, 2021

Description: 8 Pages

Disclaimer of Liability and Endorsement: The attached document was prepared by a private citizen or organization and submitted to the West Virginia Legislature Joint Committee on Redistricting as part of the information-gathering process. The views, content, and opinions expressed in this document are solely those of the third-party preparers and do not reflect the views, legal opinions, or in any way represent official action of the West Virginia Legislature Joint Committee on Redistricting, the West Virginia Senate, the West Virginia House of Delegates, the West Virginia Legislature, or their members (collectively, "the West Virginia Legislature"). The attached document is provided for information and convenience of the public. Reference to any specific redistricting plan, map, district, or process does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the West Virginia Legislature. The West Virginia Legislature makes no claims, promises, guarantees, or warranties about the contents, errors, or omissions in the content of the attached document. The West Virginia Legislature expressly disclaims responsibility for the content of the attached document.

From: Leonard Kelley
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Charles Trump
Cc: Hoppy Kercheval; Joint Redistricting
Subject: 2021 WV Congressional Redistricting Comments
Attachments: LKelley 2021 WV Redistricting Project 210824.pdf

The Honorable Charles S. Trump IV
Joint Committee on Redistricting
Room 210W, Bldg. 1
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, WV 25305

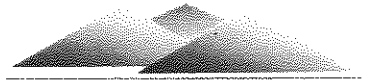
Dear Senator Trump:

Please accept the attached Letter and Attachments as my Public Comments for West Virginia's 2021 Congressional Redistricting Project.

Respectfully,

Leonard Kelley

Leonard Kelley



August 24, 2021

The Honorable Charles S. Trump IV
Joint Committee on Redistricting
Room 210W, Bldg. 1
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Senator Trump:

I listened to your conversation with Hoppy last Wednesday and agree that County boundaries should be maintained, and that districts should be more compact. I'd like to share my ideas with you and the Committee.

I've been working on three Redistricting scenarios that meet the above requirements (See Attachment). The three scenarios are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's August 12th Data Release. Also, each scenario's Population Variance is less than 1%, which falls well below the U.S. Supreme Court's 10% ceiling.

SCENARIOS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eastern & Western Districts | Population Variance 0.8077% |
| North-East & South-West Districts | Population Variance 0.2649% |
| Northern & Southern Districts | Population Variance 0.3955% |

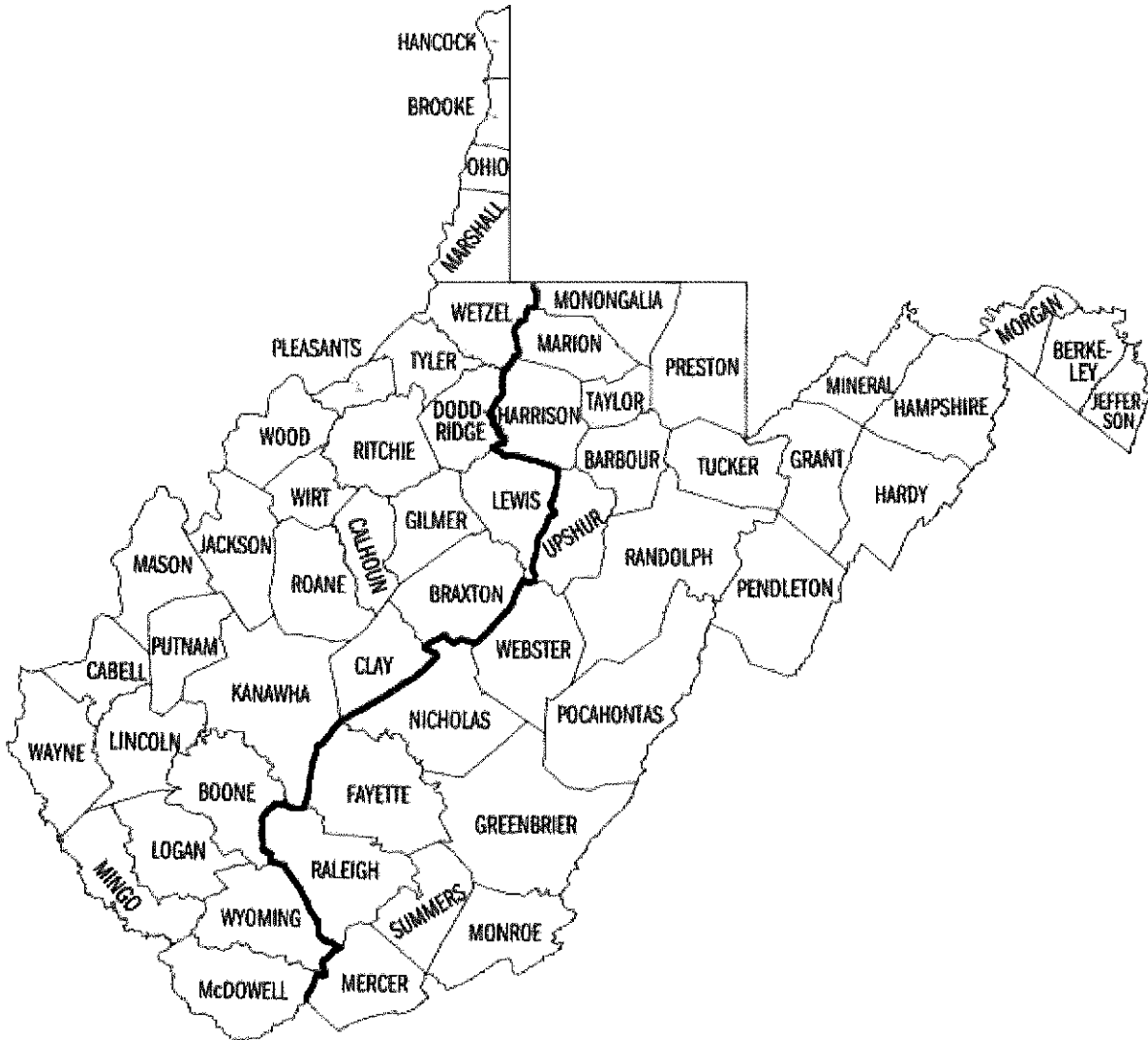
Please accept this Letter and Attachments as my Public Comments for West Virginia's 2021 Congressional Redistricting Project.

Respectfully,

Leonard Kelley

Attachments (6)

WEST VIRGINIA
PROPOSED 2021 EASTERN & WESTERN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



SUMMARY

| DISTRICT | POPULATION | PERCENT | Sq Miles |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Eastern | 904,039 | 50.40% | 13,242 |
| Western | 889,677 | 49.60% | 10,846 |
| TOTAL | 1,793,716 | 100.00% | 24,088 |
| Variance | 14,362 | 0.8007% | 2,396 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; Dataset Downloaded; 14-Aug-2021; https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File-PL_94-171/West_Virginia/

PROPOSED WEST VIRGINIA 2021 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 1 - EASTERN COUNTIES

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Barbour | 341 | 15,465 |
| Berkeley | 321 | 122,076 |
| Fayette | 664 | 40,488 |
| Grant | 477 | 10,976 |
| Greenbrier | 1,021 | 32,977 |
| Hampshire | 642 | 23,093 |
| Hardy | 583 | 14,299 |
| Harrison | 416 | 65,921 |
| Jefferson | 210 | 57,701 |
| Marion | 310 | 56,205 |
| Mercer | 420 | 59,664 |
| Mineral | 328 | 26,938 |
| Monongalia | 361 | 105,822 |
| Monroe | 473 | 12,376 |
| Morgan | 229 | 17,063 |
| Nicholas | 649 | 24,604 |
| Pendleton | 698 | 6,143 |
| Pocahontas | 940 | 7,869 |
| Preston | 648 | 34,216 |
| Raleigh | 607 | 74,591 |
| Randolph | 1,040 | 27,932 |
| Summers | 361 | 11,959 |
| Taylor | 173 | 16,705 |
| Tucker | 419 | 6,762 |
| Upshur | 355 | 23,816 |
| Webster | 556 | 8,378 |
| Subtotal | 13,242 | 904,039 |

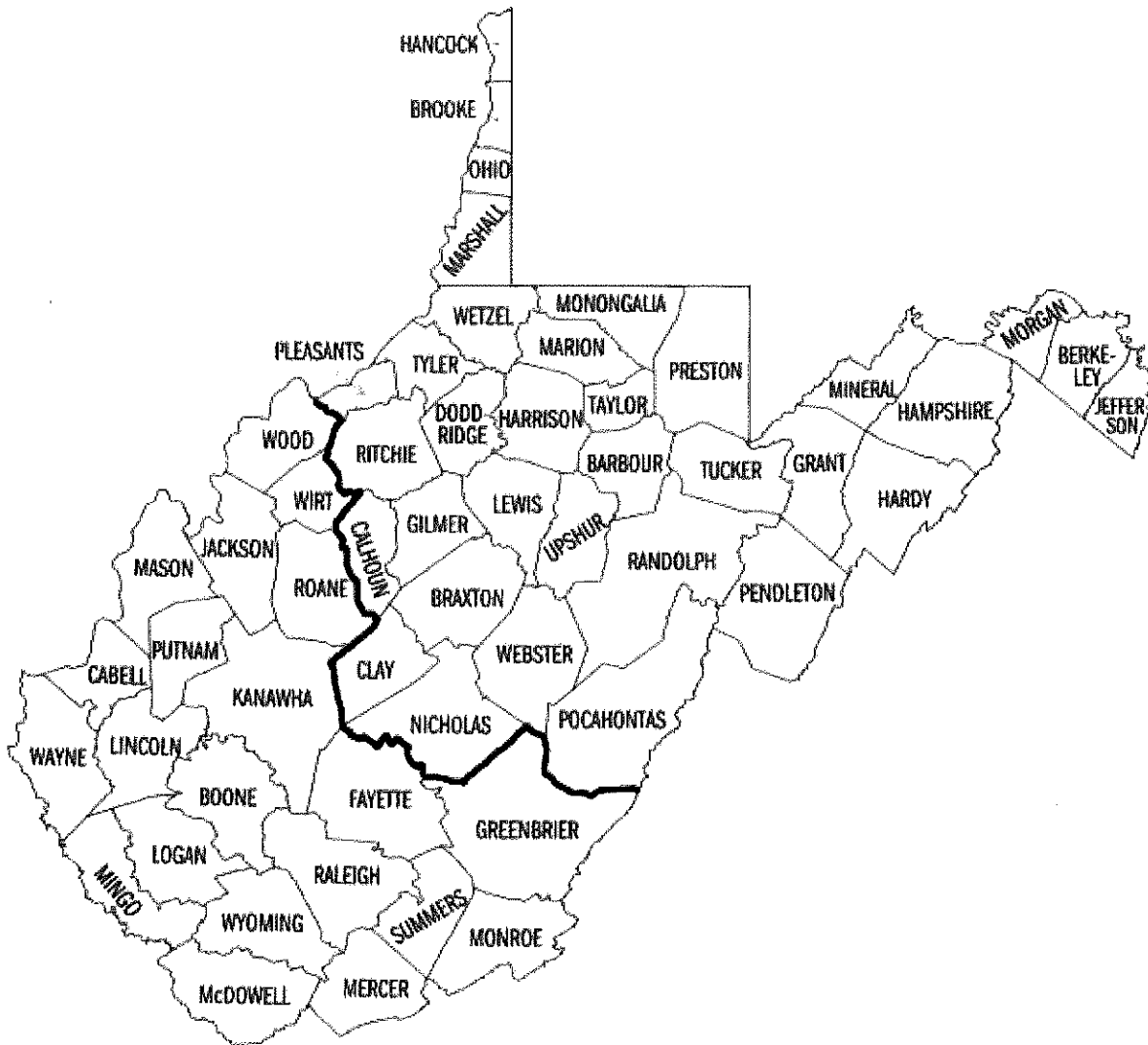
| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| WV-TOTALS | 24,088 | 1,793,716 |

DISTRICT 2 - WESTERN COUNTIES

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Boone | 503 | 21,809 |
| Braxton | 514 | 12,447 |
| Brooke | 89 | 22,559 |
| Cabell | 282 | 94,350 |
| Calhoun | 281 | 6,229 |
| Clay | 342 | 8,051 |
| Doddridge | 320 | 7,808 |
| Gilmer | 340 | 7,408 |
| Hancock | 83 | 29,095 |
| Jackson | 466 | 27,791 |
| Kanawha | 903 | 180,745 |
| Lewis | 389 | 17,033 |
| Lincoln | 438 | 20,463 |
| Logan | 454 | 32,567 |
| Marshall | 307 | 30,591 |
| Mason | 432 | 25,453 |
| McDowell | 535 | 19,111 |
| Mingo | 423 | 23,568 |
| Ohio | 106 | 42,425 |
| Pleasants | 131 | 7,653 |
| Putnam | 346 | 57,440 |
| Ritchie | 454 | 8,444 |
| Roane | 484 | 14,028 |
| Tyler | 258 | 8,313 |
| Wayne | 506 | 38,982 |
| Wetzel | 359 | 14,442 |
| Wirt | 233 | 5,194 |
| Wood | 367 | 84,296 |
| Wyoming | 501 | 21,382 |
| Subtotal | 10,846 | 889,677 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; Dataset Downloaded; 14-Aug-2021; https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File--PL_94-171/West_Virginia/

WEST VIRGINIA
PROPOSED 2021 NORTH-EAST & SOUTH-WEST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



SUMMARY

| DISTRICT | POPULATION | PERCENT | Sq Miles |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| N-East | 894,482 | 49.87% | 13,669 |
| S-West | 899,234 | 50.13% | 10,419 |
| TOTAL | 1,793,716 | 100.00% | 24,088 |
| Variance | (4,752) | -0.2649% | 3,250 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; Dataset Downloaded; 14-Aug-2021; https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File-PL_94-171/West_Virginia/

PROPOSED WEST VIRGINIA 2021 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 1 - North-East Counties

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Barbour | 341 | 15,465 |
| Berkeley | 321 | 122,076 |
| Braxton | 514 | 12,447 |
| Brooke | 89 | 22,559 |
| Calhoun | 281 | 6,229 |
| Clay | 342 | 8,051 |
| Doddridge | 320 | 7,808 |
| Gilmer | 340 | 7,408 |
| Grant | 477 | 10,976 |
| Hampshire | 642 | 23,093 |
| Hancock | 83 | 29,095 |
| Hardy | 583 | 14,299 |
| Harrison | 416 | 65,921 |
| Jefferson | 210 | 57,701 |
| Lewis | 389 | 17,033 |
| Marion | 310 | 56,205 |
| Marshall | 307 | 30,591 |
| Mineral | 328 | 26,938 |
| Monongalia | 361 | 105,822 |
| Morgan | 229 | 17,063 |
| Nicholas | 649 | 24,604 |
| Ohio | 106 | 42,425 |
| Pendleton | 698 | 6,143 |
| Pleasants | 131 | 7,653 |
| Pocahontas | 940 | 7,869 |
| Preston | 648 | 34,216 |
| Randolph | 1,040 | 27,932 |
| Ritchie | 454 | 8,444 |
| Taylor | 173 | 16,705 |
| Tucker | 419 | 6,762 |
| Tyler | 258 | 8,313 |
| Upshur | 355 | 23,816 |
| Webster | 556 | 8,378 |
| Wezel | 359 | 14,442 |
| Subtotal | 13,669 | 894,482 |

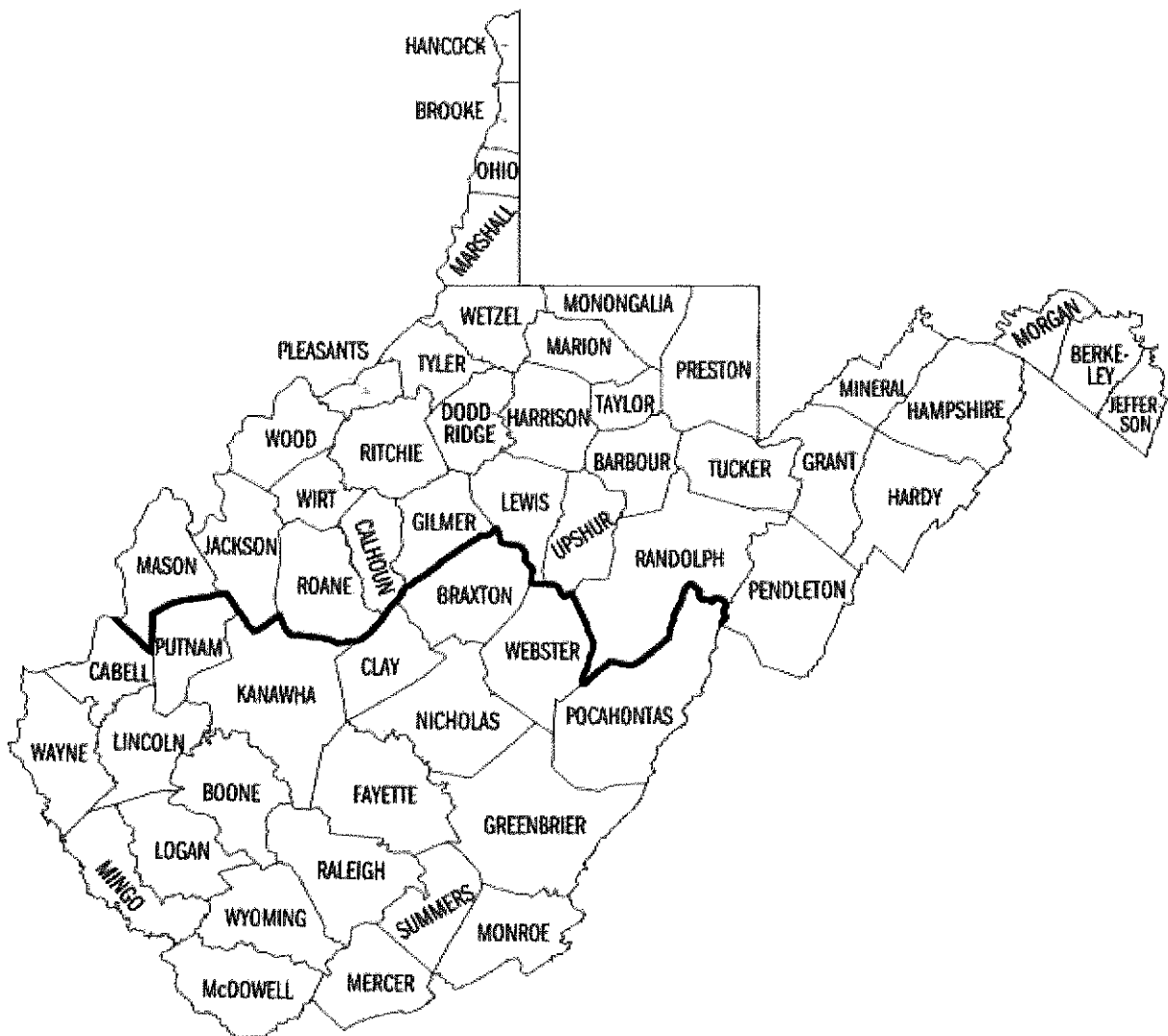
DISTRICT 2 - South-West Counties

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Boone | 503 | 21,809 |
| Cabell | 282 | 94,350 |
| Fayette | 664 | 40,488 |
| Greenbrier | 1,021 | 32,977 |
| Jackson | 466 | 27,791 |
| Kanawha | 903 | 180,745 |
| Lincoln | 438 | 20,463 |
| Logan | 454 | 32,567 |
| Mason | 432 | 25,453 |
| McDowell | 535 | 19,111 |
| Mercer | 420 | 59,664 |
| Mingo | 423 | 23,568 |
| Monroe | 473 | 12,376 |
| Putnam | 346 | 57,440 |
| Raleigh | 607 | 74,591 |
| Roane | 484 | 14,028 |
| Summers | 361 | 11,959 |
| Wayne | 506 | 38,982 |
| Wirt | 233 | 5,194 |
| Wood | 367 | 84,296 |
| Wyoming | 501 | 21,382 |
| Subtotal | 10,419 | 899,234 |

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| WV - TOTAL | 24,088 | 1,793,716 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC;
 Dataset Downloaded: 14-Aug-2021; [https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File--](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File--PL_94-171/West_Virginia/)

WEST VIRGINIA
PROPOSED 2021 NORTHERN & SOUTHERN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



SUMMARY

| DISTRICT | POPULATION | PERCENT | Sq Miles |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| North | 900,405 | 50.20% | 12,050 |
| South | 893,311 | 49.80% | 12,038 |
| TOTAL | 1,793,716 | 100.00% | 24,088 |
| Variance | 7,094 | 0.3955% | 12 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC;
 Dataset Downloaded; 14-Aug-2021; https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File--PL_94-171/West_Virginia/

PROPOSED WEST VIRGINIA 2021 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 1 - NORTHERN COUNTIES

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Barbour | 341 | 15,465 |
| Berkeley | 321 | 122,076 |
| Brooke | 89 | 22,559 |
| Calhoun | 281 | 6,229 |
| Doddridge | 320 | 7,808 |
| Gilmer | 340 | 7,408 |
| Grant | 477 | 10,976 |
| Hampshire | 642 | 23,093 |
| Hancock | 83 | 29,095 |
| Hardy | 583 | 14,299 |
| Harrison | 416 | 65,921 |
| Jackson | 466 | 27,791 |
| Jefferson | 210 | 57,701 |
| Lewis | 389 | 17,033 |
| Marion | 310 | 56,205 |
| Marshall | 307 | 30,591 |
| Mason | 432 | 25,453 |
| Mineral | 328 | 26,938 |
| Monongalia | 361 | 105,822 |
| Morgan | 229 | 17,063 |
| Ohio | 106 | 42,425 |
| Pendleton | 698 | 6,143 |
| Pleasants | 131 | 7,653 |
| Preston | 648 | 34,216 |
| Randolph | 1,040 | 27,932 |
| Ritchie | 454 | 8,444 |
| Roane | 484 | 14,028 |
| Taylor | 173 | 16,705 |
| Tucker | 419 | 6,762 |
| Tyler | 258 | 8,313 |
| Upshur | 355 | 23,816 |
| Wetzel | 359 | 14,442 |
| Subtotal | 12,050 | 900,405 |

DISTRICT 2 - SOUTHERN COUNTIES

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Boone | 503 | 21,809 |
| Braxton | 514 | 12,447 |
| Cabell | 282 | 94,350 |
| Clay | 342 | 8,051 |
| Fayette | 664 | 40,488 |
| Greenbrier | 1,021 | 32,977 |
| Kanawha | 903 | 180,745 |
| Lincoln | 438 | 20,463 |
| Logan | 454 | 32,567 |
| McDowell | 535 | 19,111 |
| Mercer | 420 | 59,664 |
| Mingo | 423 | 23,568 |
| Monroe | 473 | 12,376 |
| Nicholas | 649 | 24,604 |
| Pocahontas | 940 | 7,869 |
| Putnam | 346 | 57,440 |
| Raleigh | 607 | 74,591 |
| Summers | 361 | 11,959 |
| Wayne | 506 | 38,982 |
| Webster | 556 | 8,378 |
| Wirt | 233 | 5,194 |
| Wood | 367 | 84,296 |
| Wyoming | 501 | 21,382 |
| Subtotal | 12,038 | 893,311 |

| COUNTY | Sq Miles | POPULATION |
|----------|----------|------------|
| WV-TOTAL | 24,088 | 1,793,716 |

SOURCE: Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, August 12, 2021, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; Dataset Downloaded; 14-Aug-2021; https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/01-Redistricting_File--PL_94-171/West_Virginia/