

West Virginia State Senate Redistricting Task Force

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Senator John Unger  
Box2415  
Martinsburg, WV 25402

Dear John—

Enclosed are some redistricting numbers I have played with. Sure you know these numbers better than I do but thought you might like to see them anyhow.

Teresa in the Redistricting office told me their aim was to keep within 5% plus or minus of the ideal number of 109,000 per senate district. These numbers are within that limit. Even if you took 5,000 from Putnam county to put with 9,386 from Clay county to make Kanawha 's 17<sup>th</sup> district whole the numbers still work.

John, this is districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 16 and 17 done without too much disruption. When you get to the southern districts, seems to me, it is going to be impossible to keep all of the incumbents happy—good luck!

Sincerely yours,

*Frank*

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1/20/11  
 SENATE REUNRICTING  
 1ST DISTRICT

BROOK  
 HANCOCK  
 OHIO  
 MARSHALL +/-

79188

2010 POPULATION  
 24,069  
 30,676  
 44,443  
 10,000  
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 109,188

2ND DISTRICT

MARSHALL +/-  
 WETZEL  
 TYLER  
 DODDRIDGE  
 PLEASANTS  
 RITCHIE  
 MARION  
 MON  
 CALHOUN  
 GLAVER

23,107  
 16,583  
 9,208  
 8,202  
 7,605  
 10,449  
 5,430  
 8,468  
 7,627  
 8,693  
 -----  
 105,372

3RD DIST

WOOD  
 WIRT  
 ROANE ALL

86,956  
 5,717  
 14,926  
 -----  
 107,599

4TH DIST

MASON  
 JACKSON  
 PUTNAM

112,021  
 - 5,000 TO 17TH  
 -----  
 107,021 BAL

27,324  
 29,211  
 55,486  
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 112,021

109,000 x 1.05 = 114,450  
 109,000 x .95 = 103,550

3128/11

SENATE MEDISTRICTING

KANAWHAH	193,063
FOR TWO DISTRICTS	<u>218,000</u>
SHORT	24,937

16TH DIST. 109,327.95 = 103,550

	193,063
	<u>103,550</u>
	89,513 Bal

17TH DIST. 109,327.95 = 103,550

	- 89,513
	<u>14,037</u>

needed to be within 5%

CLAY	9,386 (all)
PUTNAM	<u>5,000 (part)</u>
	14,386

**JUST THE FACTS**

■ The West Virginia Senate has created a Senate Redistricting Task Force to aid the state in reorganizing the structure of the state senate districts.

■ The task force includes a representative from each of the 17 senatorial districts, but none of the senators are from Wood County.

■ Wood County Commissioner Blair Couch said that he is upset that the fifth largest county in the state is not directly represented on the decision-making task force.

# State districts will soon change

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**PARKERSBURG** — The West Virginia Senate will soon be redistricting the state after the recent U.S. Census Bureau released information on changes to West Virginia's population statistics.

Senate Majority Leader John Unger, D-Berkeley, said the decisions will be decided by the 17-member Senate Redistricting Task Force.



Unger

"We picked a senator from each of the 17 senatorial districts," Unger said. "This way every district is represented."

Unfortunately, through this process, the senators did not choose a representative from Wood County.

"(State) Sen. Donny Boley, R-Pleasants, is a representative for the 3rd District and she represents Wood County very well as a senator and will do a great job representing the people of Wood County in the task force," Unger said.



Wood County is the fifth largest county in the state behind Kanawha, Berkeley, Cabell and Monongalia counties. Parkersburg, however, remains the third largest city in West Virginia.

"As the fifth largest county, you would think we would have direct representation," said Wood County Commissioner Blair Couch.

Couch cited the Friday visit from acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin to Parkersburg as a reason for Wood County to have direct representation in the task force.

"It's just very interesting that it's well and good that state officials can come here to ask for funds, but Wood County has no (direct) say in what affects the state for the next 10 years," Couch added.

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