

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
October 27, 2021 Meeting Public Comment***

Date of Submission: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:03 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Anne Van Hulle

Subject: keep Gladwin and Midland counties together/focus on the people's needs

Michigan Independent Citizens

Redistricting Commission

October 25, 2021

I'm Anne Van Hulle, from Lincoln Township, which is a part of Midland County. I'm reiterating the importance of keeping Midland and Gladwin County together in their entirety in the State House, State Senate and Congressional maps. I specifically support the Oak State House map and Commissioner Lange's maps for the State Senate and Congress. I feel that these maps best represent the 2020 flood damaged areas that are still recovering and restoring homes, businesses, multiple dams and bridges, as well as two lakes and the Tittabawassee watershed.

Midland and Gladwin counties are linked together by this watershed and the importance of its combined management is crucial for the environment, recreation, and public safety, as well as having unified representation in Lansing and D.C. which will give these counties the support for their area's needs.

Before and during the floods, these counties were together and should continue together for the disaster's complete recovery and restoration process. Therefore, I am asking the commission to focus on the people's needs and to honor the maps that keep Midland and Gladwin counties together in their entirety.

Thank you

Date of Submission: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:11 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Pamela Trask

Subject: Proposed redistricting

Hello,

I recently posted my testimony on the website and let you know that I was not please with the redistricting proposal you have offered. I am afraid that there is no representation from the Upper Peninsula and, therefore, you are not aware of the various traditions and cultures around the area. I

have decided to offer another more reasonable proposal and ask that you seriously consider this. I've tried to keep as close as possible to the suggested 91,612 population and to consider the traditions, values and cultures of the people in the U.P.

Thank you for considering this option. I believe it is the best for the Upper Peninsula.

Sincerely,
Pamela Trask
Iron Mountain, MI

Date of Submission: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:07 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: MICRC_Public Hearing-Public Comment 10-26-2021

MICRC Public Hearing 10-26-2021,
These are my opinions.

Please properly repost this and the other four (4) recent "Public Hearings" as "Business Meetings" - based on the testimony before/during the meeting and the fact that you did vote to approve a "Meeting Agenda" instead of a "Public Hearing Agenda".

Since this is a "Public Meeting" that includes a "Public Hearing" on the agenda, it appears Secretary Benson may have inadvertently denied the members of the public an opportunity for an additional one (1) minute to address the Commission during the meeting concerning issues other than the subject of the "Public Hearing" (your "Proposed Draft Maps") according to your currently approved Rules of Procedure.

Please provide me with an additional five (5) minutes of Public Comment time during a future "Public Meeting" to help mitigate my own personal losses of due process and equal protection under the law to the public services that this Commission provides.

Thank you, James Gallant
Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition

Date of Submission: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:58 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: MICRC, Public Hearing-Public Comment 10-26-2021

MICRC, These are my opinions.

Will you please find attached (and open) a copy of my formal FOIA response I received yesterday (10-25-2021) from the MI Dept of Technology, Management and Budget (MDTMB).

My FOIA request was denied because the documents requested don't exist within the Department, which appears to strongly support my claim that MI Secretary of State, Joyce Benson, may have inadvertently neglected to transmit the language of the Constitutional Amendment after it was

approved and certified by the MI Board of State Canvassers to the "Director of Management and Budget" as required under MCL 168.486.

Since this mishap happened before this Commission had convened it's first meeting;
(1.) Please do your bestest due diligence by formally requesting a written report and recommendation from your Attorneys concerning these fundamental legal issues for the benefit of the people you serve!
Thank you, James Gallant
Marquette County Suicide Preventions Coalition

Date of Submission: Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:55 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Jeremy Morse

Subject: Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Comment


Dear Commissioners:

Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported the creation of a non-partisan redistricting commission in order to ensure that every vote matters and that our political districts fairly represent the will of the voters. In your final maps, I strongly urge you to fully consider partisan fairness measures. The goal ought to be to create maps with as close to zero wasted votes as possible.

Fair, non-partisan redistricting means that if one party gets 60% of the votes in a statewide election, they should get 60% of the seats in Congress and the state legislature. While communities of interest are important to consider, they should not be considered at the expense of an undue amount of wasted votes. The goal is one person, one vote - wasted votes do not benefit any community or our state as a whole.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Jeremy Morse


Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Date of Submission: Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:03 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: James Gallant

Subject: Attachments, MICRC, Public Hearing-Public Comment 10-25-2021

Secretary Benson,

These are the attached documents for my MICRC Public Hearing-Public Comment 10-25-2021 in case they did not attach to my written statement earlier today.
Thank you, James Gallant

Date of Submission: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:27 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: MICRC, Public Hearing-Public Comment 10-25-2021

Secretary Benson,

Please provide the attached seven (7) documents to the Commission for their consideration at MICRC's Public Hearing on 10-25-2021 as part of my Public Comment presentation. Thank you!

MI Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC),
These are my opinions and formal requests to the Commission during this Public Hearing on 10-25-2021,

Please consider fulfilling your fiduciary duty to pursue due diligence to avoid costly litigation by formally requesting a written report and recommendation from your Attorneys concerning the legal claims contained in the attached MI House Fiscal Agency (HFA) reports concerning MICRC's Constitutional beginnings and required oversight.

These reports suggest that the 2018 'Prop 2' Constitutional Amendment nearly revived an (albeit inactive) Commission already contained in the Constitution; the Commission on Legislative Apportionment.

In those reports, Ms. McInerney cited a ruling in a "Voters Not Politicians cross-complaint" issued by the MI Supreme Court to support her claims.

Therefore, in my opinion the attached "Rules of Procedure" approved by majority vote of the former "MI Commission on Legislative Apportionment" have been wrongfully blocked by Secretary of State, Joyce Benson, from being brought forward for use by the MICRC as a "revived reiteration of a Commission already contained in the Constitution" for the benefit of her Democratic Party and to the detriment of the Republican Party.

Also, please positively verify if Secretary of State, Joyce Benson, has effectively fulfilled her statutorily established duty to transmit the certified language of the Constitutional Amendment that she received from MI Board of State Canvassers to the "Director of Management and Budget" as required under the attached MCL 168.486, presumably to determine the next steps and to then re-transmit that certified language to the proper oversight officials housed in the Legislative Branch of this State.

Presumably, the certified language of the amendment should have been re-transmitted from the Director of Management and Budget to the Legislative Council Administrator (LCA), Jennifer Dettloff to administer this Commission's proceedings within the Legislative Branch.

Thank you,

James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition [REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:11 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Eileen Grew
Subject: MY COMMENTS ON THE MAPS

District 31

For the Michigan house I would like to have the OAK map.

The only adjustment I would recommend is to have Midland county plus Freeland.....if the numbers work out or Auburn. Gladwin county has more community of interest issues in the counties next to it and above it than Midland.

District 1

For the Michigan Senate I prefer the CHERRY map. We would have most of the same interests and needs.

District 11

For US Congress

The Apple map looks best. It will require representation for farming communities, manufacturing interests, and medium size cities which are mostly middle class needs. It is also representative of the Mid Michigan culture and interests.

Thank you,

Eileen Grew

[REDACTED]

Midland, Mi. 48642

Date of Submission: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:30 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Anedra Lewis

Subject: redistricting

Please keep Midland and Gladwin Counties together in the same distric as well as the city of Midland.

Your current proposal sucks, and is counter productive, especially considering the dam breeches and flood that we have all endured. Because we have been able to work together, the area is slowly recovering.

Anedra M Lewis EA, NTPI Fellow

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Please keep Midland and Gladwin Counties together in the same district as well as the city of Midland. Your current proposal sucks, and is counterproductive, especially considering the dam breaches and flood that we have all endured. Because we have been able to work together, the area is slowly recovering.

Date of Submission: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: Remote Public Comment 10-21-2021

MICRC,

Will you please announce how many people are signed up to address the Commission periodically for the benefit of the remote participants waiting to speak?

Thank you, James Gallant

Date of Submission: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:22 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Quehl5
Subject: questions on maps

Please see my attached document sent to Sarah Reinhardt. I am looking for information on how maps are deemed compliant and/or non-compliant. I am not sure on who can provide me with this information. If you could get me this information it would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Dennis Quehl

[REDACTED]
Midland, MI 48642

Date of Submission: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:19 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: Re: 10.20 Redistricting Public Comment

MICRC,

Will you please consider announcing the number of public commenters who are signed up to address the Commission periodically throughout the Public Hearings to help orient people on an approximate time frame for their turn to speak?

Thank you, James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition

BACKGROUND BRIEF



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT IN MICHIGAN

Jenny McInerney, Legislative Analyst
November 2, 2018

FAST FACTS

- Redistricting determined by state and federal courts and their appointees in 1964, 1972, 1982, and 1992, when the Commission on Legislative Apportionment deadlocked (and after that commission was deemed invalid in 1982).
- Legislature determined redistricting in 2001 and 2011.
- Ballot Proposal 2 of 2018 is a constitutional amendment that would reinstate an apportionment commission responsible for determining State Senate, State House, and Congressional boundaries.

INTRODUCTION

In 1787, the U.S. Constitution left the conduct of elections up to the states, merely instructing that “[t]he Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations...”¹ This rule endures, and it has resulted in divergent elections processes from state to state. In Michigan and many other states—32 total for state legislative districts and 34 total for congressional districts—the state legislature is charged with drawing election maps.² A map is adopted in Michigan if it is approved by a simple majority of both state houses (at least 56 in the House of Representatives and 20 in the Senate) and approved by the governor.

Currently, as long as a redistricting plan is drawn according to the following requirements, it is in compliance with federal law:

- Following the latest decennial census (conducted every 10 years, with the next to be conducted in 2020).
- Ensuring equal population in each district.
- In compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting laws.

Unusually, the composition and function of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment described in Section 6 of Article IV of the Michigan Constitution does not represent current apportionment/redistricting practice. As described below, the process prescribed in the 1963 Constitution was deemed invalid by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1982, with the court finding that its weighted land/population formulae violated the “one person, one vote” equal protection guarantee. State and federal courts oversaw the redistricting process until it was resumed by the legislature for the latest two cycles, in 2001 and 2011.

STATE HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICTS

Apportionment in Michigan 1835-1962

Generally, the Michigan Constitutions of 1835, 1850, and 1908 stated that the legislature would apportion senators and representatives every ten years based on

¹ Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

² <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/who-draws-maps-states-redrawing-congressional-and-state-district-lines>

state and U.S. census results.³ However, Senate district boundaries were based more on geography than on population. This was thought to reflect the federal model of representation, in which the Senate is based on governmental jurisdictions and the House is based on population. The resulting disparities among Senate districts troubled some. For instance, in the 1940s, the four westernmost Upper Peninsula counties composed a single state Senate district with a population of 72,350, while Wayne County's 18th Senate district had a population of 528,234.⁴

A 1952 amendment to the 1908 Constitution increased the number of state senators from 32 to 34, alleviating this concern somewhat, but also stated explicitly the boundaries of each district, thereby locking in place any disparities regardless of population and limiting the legislature's redistricting task to the state House.

U.S. Supreme Court cases and the 1963 Constitution

While the Constitutional Convention for Michigan's Constitution of 1963 was ongoing, the U.S. Supreme Court held in *Baker v Carr*⁵ that federal courts could intervene in and decide redistricting cases. In light of *Baker*, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated a judgment rendered by the Michigan Supreme Court in *Scholle v Hare*⁶ and remanded it back to that lower court. In *Scholle*, the plaintiff had petitioned the Michigan Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus to restrain the Secretary of State from conducting the upcoming state Senate election. Because the Senate districts were so unequal in population, the plaintiff argued, the 1952 amendment to the Michigan Constitution denied him equal protection of the laws and due process of law contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. On remand,⁷ the Michigan Supreme Court agreed, finding that "when any apportionment plan provides some elective districts having more than double the population of others, that plan cannot be sustained."

The Constitution of 1963 introduced a bipartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment to draw the state's House and Senate districts, but retained the use of population and geography in apportioning legislative seats (using weighted land area/population formulae). The four Republicans and four Democrats on the commission (and, if a third party received more than 25% of the vote in the previous gubernatorial election, four members of that party) would adopt redistricting plans by a majority vote. If a majority of commission members could not agree, the Michigan Supreme Court was directed to choose a redistricting plan before the next election.

However, on June 15, 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark decision in *Reynolds v Sims* that all state legislative bodies had to apportion seats based on population (not a combination of population and geography, as was the case for Michigan Senate seats). Following the *Reynolds* decision, one justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in 1964, and another following the next census in 1972, expressed the view "that the commission and this Court's authority is limited to districting according to the apportionment rules prescribed in art 4 §§ 2-6, and that since those rules are no longer wholly valid neither the commission nor this Court can properly act at all."⁸

Regardless of those concerns, the Michigan Supreme Court approved apportionment plans after the apportionment commission deadlocked in both 1964 and 1972.

³ Of note, the Constitution of 1835 stated that the legislature would apportion "according to the number of white inhabitants," and the Constitution of 1850 stated that it would do so "exclusive of persons of Indian descent, who are not civilized or are members of any tribe."

⁴ <http://annarborchronicle.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Apol-history-of-Michigan-reapportionment.pdf>

⁵ In *Baker v Carr*, 369 US 186 (1962)

⁶ *Scholle v Hare*, 369 US 429 (1962)

⁷ *Scholle v Hare*, 367 Mich 176, 116 NW2d 350 (Mich 1962)

⁸ In *re Apportionment of State Legislature-1982*, 413 Mich 96; 321 NW 2d 565 (1982)

1982: Invalidation of apportionment commission

In 1982, following another deadlock for the apportionment commission, the Michigan Supreme Court again considered the apportionment of state House and Senate seats. However, this time the court considered whether the procedure prescribed in the state Constitution was invalidated by the *Reynolds* decision.

Ultimately, the court declared the apportionment sections of the 1963 Constitution to be invalid, disbanded the apportionment commission, and authorized the legislature to once again take control of apportionment. The court held that provisions

... establishing weighted land area/population formulae taking into account land area as well as population (thereby apportioning to less populous areas a larger number of senators and representatives than would be apportioned thereto based on population alone), are invalid under the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution as elucidated in *Reynolds v Sims*, and subsequent decisions of the United States Supreme Court.⁹

Finding that the legislative procedure for producing a plan would be too time-consuming in the 1980 cycle, especially given that two years had already passed since the 1980 census, the court directed the former Director of Elections Bernard Apol to produce a plan conforming to specific criteria set out by the court, including the following:

- The districts shall have a population not exceeding 108.2% and not less than 91.8% of the ideal district, which, based on the 1980 census, would contain 243,739 persons in the Senate and 84,201 persons in the House.
- The boundaries of the districts shall first be drawn to contain only whole counties to the extent this can be done within the 16.4% range of divergence and to minimize within that range the number of county lines which are broken.

After approving certain modifications to the Apol plan, the court approved the submission in May 1982.

1992: Redistricting by special masters

When the legislature failed to act following the 1990 census, the Michigan Supreme Court appointed three special masters to consider plans submitted by several sources, including the major political parties. Finding that none of the plans conformed to the 1982 criteria, or that they did so only facially, the masters drew their own plan. They noted that, as in 1982, the political parties stipulated that 16.4 percentage points was the maximum allowable population divergence, and continued,

The one thing that has become clear as this panel reviewed the submittals and set about its own task, was that there should be no absolute hierarchy of criteria. While counties may be the building blocks of our apportionment system (1982, 413 Mich. [at] 125 [321 N.W.2d 565]), county lines were ‘broken’ when necessary to achieve acceptable population divergence; flexibility in population divergence was employed to maintain minority electoral participation already realized; VRA [Voting Rights Act of 1965] interests were recognized and followed, but not to the exclusion of concerns of integrity of existing boundary lines, communities of interest, compactness and contiguity.¹⁰

The special masters’ plan was adopted following public hearing. In response to concerns that the masters drew districts into which an excessive number of black persons were concentrated, the court determined that the masters had succeeded in “spreading the black population of Wayne County to a greater extent than was the case under the 1982

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *In re Apportionment, State Legislature-1992*, 439 Mich 715 (1992)

apportionment.” The court pointed to the fact that the masters reduced the number of districts with over 90 percent black persons from five to three, and “reduced the number of arguably packed (over 80 percent black) districts from nine to seven.”¹¹

1996: The legislature resumes redistricting responsibility

In 1996, the Michigan Legislature enacted Public Act 463 (House Bill 5275), establishing statutory standards for redistricting that closely aligned with the Apol standards developed in 1982. According to the House Fiscal Agency analysis for that bill, codification of the standards was intended to “provide institutional memory that otherwise will be lacking, particularly since the advent of term limits means that no one in the state House now will be serving there when the next redistricting plan will be developed.”¹² These latest statutory guidelines allowed population deviation between districts of up to 10%, or 5% higher or lower than the state average.

2001 and 2011: Legislative redistricting

In Public Act 116 of 2001 (House Bill 4965)¹³ and Public Act 129 of 2011 (Senate Bill 498),¹⁴ the legislature determined the redistricting of legislative seats. Because the House, Senate, and Governor’s office were controlled by the same political party, this process was comparatively uneventful.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1972-1992: U.S. District Court-ordered maps

Following the 1970, 1980, and 1990 censuses, during which time the number of Michigan congressional seats fell from 19 to 16,¹⁵ the legislature failed to establish congressional district maps. (The legislature did pass House Bill 4020 in 1982, which would have established a plan for that cycle, but the bill was vetoed by Governor William G. Milliken as being unfair.) In each case, plaintiffs brought suit in U.S. District Court, arguing that the existing plans were unconstitutional given population shifts and reductions resulting in unequal districts.

In 1972, the court ordered adoption of the plan submitted by one of the intervening plaintiffs, as it met the criteria set out in other court cases on congressional apportionment: “(1) population variances among the districts were minimal, thereby preserving the ‘one man, one vote’ standard; (2) the districts were contiguous; (3) the districts were reasonably compact; and (4) political subdivisions in the district were maintained intact insofar as possible.”¹⁶

In 1982, the court ordered adoption of what it called Democratic Plan A, with modifications submitted by the Republican Party. In 1992, the court instructed both sets of plaintiffs—one group representing the Republican Party, and one representing the Democratic Party—to submit districting plans, which they did, but the court instead adopted its own plan. Neither side objected to the plan within the eight days allowed by the court, and the court adopted the plan on April 6, 1992.¹⁷

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² House Legislative Analysis Section analysis: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/1995-1996/billanalysis/House/pdf/1995-HLA-5275-B.pdf>

¹³ <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2001-HB-4965>

¹⁴ <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0498>

¹⁵ Michigan had 19 seats from 1965 to 1983; 18 seats from 1983 to 1993; 16 seats from 1993 to 2003; 15 seats from 2003 to 2013; and currently has 14 seats. The state is expected to have 13 seats following the 2020 census. <https://crcmich.org/2020-census-likely-to-rob-michigan-of-another-congressional-seat-rural-reps-get-ready-for-more-driving/>

¹⁶ *Dunnell v Austin*, 344 F Supp 210 (E D Mich. 1972)

¹⁷ See <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2001-2002/michiganmanual/2001-mm-p0656-p0670.pdf>

1999: Congressional Redistricting Act

Prior to the 2000 decennial census, the Michigan legislature enacted Public Act 221 of 1999 (Senate Bill 801)¹⁸ to apply the Apol standards established for state House and Senate redistricting in Public Act 463 of 1996 to congressional redistricting as well.

2001 and 2011: Redistricting returns to the legislature

As with the state House and Senate district plans, the legislature resumed control of the congressional redistricting process following the 2000 census cycle. In 2001, the legislature amended for the first time the congressional apportionment act enacted in 1964 (which was intended to be amended following each decennial census).¹⁹ Public Act 115 of 2001 reflected the reduction in congressional seats from 19 to 15 in the intervening 47 years, and stated the intention that it comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Equal Protection Clause and subsequent cases concerning racial gerrymandering. It went on to say:

In light of these dual obligations, the plan avoids any practice or district lines that result in the denial of any racial or ethnic group's equal opportunity to elect a representative of its choice and, at the same time, does not subordinate traditional redistricting principles for the purpose of accomplishing a racial gerrymander or creating a majority-minority district. As a consequence, the plan does not result in a retrogression or dilution of minority voting strength... [h]owever, the plan does not sacrifice traditional neutral principles, such as, most importantly, preservation of county and municipal boundaries, for the purpose of engaging in a gerrymander that unnecessarily favors 1 racial group over others.

Despite a series of challenges to the 2001 redistricting, the Michigan Supreme Court found that the legislature was not bound by the redistricting guidelines it had enacted two years earlier, as Public Act 221 of 1999.²⁰ Instead, the court found, one public act functionally overturned the other.

The 2010 census further reduced the number of Michigan's congressional seats from 15 to 14. With the House, Senate, and Governor's office controlled by the same political party, the legislature's redistricting proceeded without gridlock.²¹

BALLOT PROPOSAL 2 OF 2018

Proposal 2, which Michigan voters will consider at the November 2018 general election, would effectively reinstate a version of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment described in Article IV, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The commission has not been operational since it was deemed invalid by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1982. Proposal 2 would revise the makeup of the state's apportionment commission from eight members representing the two main political parties to 13 members, with eight members representing those parties and five who self-identify as unaffiliated. It would also introduce criteria for constructing redistricting plans and revise the process by which the commission would decide on the ultimate plans.

The House Fiscal Agency's analysis of Proposal 2 can be found here:

http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/PDF/TestPDF/Ballot_Proposal_2018-2_VNP_Redistricting.pdf

¹⁸ House Legislative Analysis Section analysis of PA 221 of 1999 (SB 810):

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/1999-2000/billanalysis/House/pdf/1999-HLA-0810-A.pdf>

¹⁹ Public Act 115 of 2001 (Senate Bill 546): <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2001-SB-0546>

²⁰ *Michigan's Apportionment Puzzle*, Legislative Research Division, Michigan Legislative Service Bureau, Research Report Vol 19, No 2 (Revised January 2003); *LeRoux v Secretary of State*, 465 Mich 594, 640 NW2d 849 (2002)

²¹ Public Act 128 of 2011 (House Bill 4780): <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4780>

Ballot Proposal 2 of 2018



“VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS” PETITION/ INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Phone: (517) 373-8080
<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa>

**Proposed Constitutional Initiative
November 6, 2018 General Election
Placed on the ballot by petition
Complete to 10-16-18**

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

If approved by a majority of voters, Proposal 18-2 would primarily amend Article IV (Legislative Branch) of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 by changing the composition of the commission charged with redistricting following each decennial census. Articles V (Executive Branch) and VI (Judicial Branch) of the Constitution would also incorporate those changes.

Generally, the amendment would replace the current method of determining the boundaries of congressional, state Senate, and state House districts—namely, governed by the legislature—with a process led by an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission created under the amendment.

Following each decennial census, 13 commissioners, largely determined by random draw but representing the two main political parties (referred to as Democrats and Republicans for the purposes of this analysis) and political independents, would adopt redistricting plans using specified criteria as to population, geographic contiguousness, and demographic representation, among other considerations. Following public hearings, a period for public comment, and testing of proposed plans by appropriate technology, the commission would adopt the plan supported by a majority of members, including at least two Republicans, two Democrats, and two independents.

The amendment would also “[e]liminate legislative oversight over the independent commission, vest original jurisdiction in the [Michigan] Supreme Court regarding challenges related to the independent commission and create an exception in the power of the executive branch to the extent limited or abrogated by the independent commission.”¹

Unusually, the composition and function of the commission on legislative apportionment described in Section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution does not represent current apportionment/redistricting practice. The process prescribed in the 1963 Constitution was deemed invalid by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1982, with the court finding that its weighted land/population formulae violated the “one person, one vote” equal protection guarantee. State and federal courts oversaw the redistricting process until it was resumed by the legislature for the latest two cycles, in 2001 and 2011.

¹ *Citizens Protecting Michigan’s Constitution v Secretary of State*, Mich App No 343517 (2018).
http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20180607_C343517_53_343517.OPN.PDF

The following is the official language as it will appear on the November 2018 general election ballot:

Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
 - 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
 - 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

[] YES

[] NO

The full text of the proposal as it appeared on the circulated petition can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Voters_Not_Pol_p_598255_7.pdf

DETAILED SUMMARY:

Eligibility for the commission

The amendment would establish an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, consisting of 13 commissioners, as a permanent body in the legislative branch. With certain exceptions, registered and eligible Michigan voters could serve on the commission unless they were current or former lobbyists, elected officials or candidates for partisan federal, state, or local offices, or a close relative of anyone disqualified under those criteria. Commissioners would be ineligible to hold a partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level in Michigan for five years following the date of appointment to the commission.

Application process

No later than **January 1** in years when the decennial census is being conducted (e.g., 2020, 2030, 2040), the Secretary of State (SOS) would make applications for membership on the commission generally available, and would also mail applications to 10,000 randomly selected Michigan voters. Applicants would need to provide a completed application and attest under oath that they meet the requisite qualifications under the amendment.

Additionally, until **June 1** of that year, the SOS would mail applications to randomly selected Michigan voters until qualifying applications were received in response to the mailing for 30 Democrats, 30 Republicans, and 40 unaffiliated applicants.

Selection to the commission

By **July 1** of that year, the SOS would eliminate any incomplete or nonqualifying applications, and then randomly select 60 people from the Democratic pool, 60 from the Republican, and 80 from the independents. Half of each pool (so 100 people total) would have to come from the second group that had been randomly mailed applications. If any pool were too small to yield the requisite number, the remainder would come from the balance of qualifying applicants to that pool. The random selection process used by the SOS would have to use accepted statistical weighting methods to ensure that the pools mirror the geographic and demographic makeup of the state as closely as possible.

By **August 1** of that year, the party leaders of both houses (the minority and majority leaders in the Senate and the Speaker of the House and minority leader in the House) could each strike five applicants from any pool, for a potential total of 20 strikes.

By **September 1** of that year, from the remaining population of 180 to 200 across the three pools, depending on the number of strikes used, the SOS would select four Democrats, four Republicans, and five independents. Seats that become vacant would be filled by random selection by the SOS from the remaining applicants in the applicable pool.

Functioning of the commission

The SOS would be secretary of the commission and would furnish all necessary technical services as directed by the commission. The commission would have procurement and contracting authority and could hire staff and consultants. By **December 1** of the year preceding the census and while the commission operates, the legislature would have to appropriate funds sufficient to compensate the commissioners and to enable the commission to function, amounting to at least 25% of the general fund/general purpose budget for the SOS for that fiscal year. From that amount, each of the 13 commissioners would receive compensation equal to at least 25% of the governor's salary (which was \$159,300 in 2018, so commissioners would receive at least \$39,825).

The SOS would convene the commission by **October 15** of the census year. Before drafting any plan, the commission would have to hold at least 10 public meetings throughout the state and accept written submissions from any member of the public. After developing at least one proposed plan for each type of district, the commission would publish the proposed plans and any supporting materials. Each commissioner could propose only one plan for each type of district.

The following would be required for each proposed plan:

- Any census data necessary to describe the plan accurately and verify the population of each district.
- A map and legal description that include the political subdivisions (such as counties, cities, and townships), human-made features (such as streets, roads, highways, and

railroads), and natural features (such as waterways) that form the boundaries of the proposed districts.

Then, the commission would have to hold at least five public meetings to receive comments about the proposed plans.

The commission would have to abide by the following criteria in proposing and adopting each plan, in order of priority:

1. Districts must be of equal population as mandated by the U.S. Constitution and must comply with the Voting Rights Act and other federal laws.
2. Districts must be geographically contiguous. Island areas are considered to be contiguous to the county of which they are a part.
3. Districts must reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest. Communities of interest may include populations that share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests, and do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
4. Districts must not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party. A disproportionate advantage will be determined using accepted measures of partisan fairness.
5. Districts must not favor or disfavor an incumbent elected official or a candidate.
6. Districts must reflect consideration of county, city, and township boundaries.
7. Districts must be reasonably compact.

Adopting redistricting plans

The commission would adopt redistricting plans for the state Senate, state House, and congressional districts by **November 1** of the year following the census. Before doing so, the commission would need to test the plan, using appropriate technology, for compliance with the criteria above. The commission would also have to provide public notice of each plan under consideration and provide at least 45 days for public comment.

The commission would adopt plans supported by a majority (at least seven) of the commissioners, including at least two Democrats, two Republicans, and two independents. If no plan met this requirement for a type of district, the commission would use ranked voting, as follows:

- Each commissioner could submit one proposed plan for each type of district to the full commission.
- Each commissioner would rank the submitted plans according to preference, with point values assigned to each.
- The commission would adopt the plan with the highest total points that is also ranked among the top half of plans by at least two commissioners not affiliated with the party of the commissioner submitting the plan.

If plans were tied for the highest point total, the SOS would randomly select the final plan from those plans. If no plan met the requirements described above, the SOS would randomly select the final plan from among all plans submitted under the first bullet point.

Procedure following adoption of plans

Within 30 days after adopting a plan, the commission would publish the plan and material reports, reference materials, and data used in drawing it. It would also issue a report explaining the basis for the decision. (Commissioners dissenting with the adopted plan could submit dissenting reports).

An adopted plan would become law 60 days after its publication. Commissioners' terms would expire once the commission completed its obligations, but not before any judicial review of the plans were complete. The Michigan Supreme Court would have original jurisdiction over challenges to the plans and could remand a plan to the commission for further action if any plan failed to comply with the requirements of the Michigan Constitution, U.S. Constitution, or superseding federal law. In no event would any body except the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission promulgate and adopt a redistricting plan for the state.

Finally, the proposed amendment states that no additional legislation is necessary to implement the commission, and that any section held invalid would be severable from the remaining sections. By approving the amendment, the people would declare that the functions of the commission are not subject to the control or approval of the legislature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, a proposed amendment to the Constitution must be accompanied by the signatures of 10% or more of the number of votes cast for all candidates in the last gubernatorial election in order to go before the electorate.² 3,156,531 votes³ were cast in the gubernatorial race in 2014, meaning that a constitutional amendment initiative requires 315,654 signatures. Those signatures must be collected within 180 days, submitted to the Secretary of State at least 120 days prior to the election, and verified as valid by the Board of State Canvassers.

On December 18, 2017, Voters Not Politicians (VNP) submitted the petition along with approximately 425,000 signatures. Another ballot question committee, Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution (CMPC), sent a letter to Michigan's Secretary of State calling for rejection of the petition based on the argument that it would constitute a *revision* of the Constitution rather than an *amendment* to it.⁴ VNP then sent a letter to the Board requesting that it certify the petition, as it had submitted the requisite number of signatures by the deadline and the validity of the signatures had been established by sampling.

On May 22, 2018, the Bureau of Elections released its staff report recommending that the Board certify the petition.

CMPC then sought a writ of mandamus from the Michigan Court of Appeals that would order the SOS and the Board to reject the VNP petition. VNP filed a cross-complaint,

² Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article XII, Section 2. <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Article-XII-2>

³ <https://miboecfr.nictusa.com/election/results/14GEN/>

⁴ http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20180607_C343517_53_343517.OPN.PDF

asking the court to order those parties to execute their legal duties and certify the petition. In its order granting VNP's cross-complaint (and directing the Board to take the necessary steps to place the petition on the ballot), the court found that, while the proposal is "undeniably detailed...it is targeted to achieve a single, specific purpose."⁵ It found that the amendment would merely change the method by which commissioners would be chosen and add unaffiliated voters to the (albeit inactive) commission described in the Constitution currently. Thus, it found that the VNP petition would constitute an amendment rather than a general revision.

On July 31, 2018, the Michigan Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Court of Appeals that the VNP initiative is a permissible voter-initiated constitutional amendment.⁶

The Board certified that the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures on June 20, 2018.⁷ The SOS published the 100-word description of the petition as it will appear on the ballot on August 30, 2018. (That description is included on the second page of this analysis.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed constitutional amendment would result in increased costs to the state related to funding the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, administrative costs to the Department of State (DOS), and likely litigation costs stemming from defending challenges to the commission's redistricting plans. Based on estimates of each of these cost factors, a total estimate of increased costs to the state is approximately \$6.3 million over the duration of each decennial redistricting period. The operations for each redistricting period would likely cover three fiscal years. Details of the estimate are provided below.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

The proposal would require the legislature to appropriate funds sufficient to compensate commissioners and for the commission to carry out its operations and activities. The required amount is to be at least 25% of the amount of General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) funds appropriated to the Department of State (DOS). The amendment also states that all unexpended funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year must be returned to the general fund. Considering that the DOS's GF/GP appropriation fluctuates from one fiscal year to the next, the average of the GF/GP amounts appropriated in the three most recent fiscal years is used to estimate the annual appropriation to the commission at approximately \$5.4 million. From each annual appropriation, commissioners are to receive compensation equal to at least 25% of the governor's salary. This would result in an annual compensation of \$39,825 for each commissioner, and \$517,725 for all 13 commissioners, leaving just under \$4.9 million for the commission's operations and activities.

⁵ *Citizens* at 20.

⁶ http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20180607_C343517_53_343517.OPN.PDF

⁷ http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov/OPINIONS/FINAL/SCT/157925_86_01.pdf

⁷ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Bal_Prop_Status_560960_7.pdf

Section 6(5) of the amendment states that the legislature must make the first appropriation for the commission no later than December 1 of the year preceding the federal decennial census, or FY 2019-20. The commission is expected to continue its activities until late 2021, or early FY 2021-22. This time span would cover three fiscal years and require three appropriations as described above, resulting in a total of \$16.2 million GF/GP in authorized spending from FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22. *However, the commission is not obligated, or likely, to expend the full spending authorization in every fiscal year.*

The final selection of commissioners will not be complete until nearly the end of FY 2019-20, and the commission is not required to convene until after the beginning of FY 2020-21. It is likely, then, that little will be expended from the FY 2019-20 appropriation and that the authorized funds will lapse back to the general fund. Based on spending patterns from similar redistricting commissions in California,⁸ Arizona,⁹ and Washington,¹⁰ it is predicted that the commission will not utilize its full spending authority in either FY 2020-21 or FY 2021-22. Not counting subsequent legal costs, California spent approximately \$8.6 million over two years for its 2010 decennial census redistricting commission. Washington's budget for its commission's 2010 redistricting was \$2.7 million over two fiscal years. Arizona spent approximately \$2.3 million to establish its commission, before appropriating approximately \$12.0 million to support litigation costs over the following six years. Considering Michigan's population, and that this would be the commission's first decennial redistricting operation, it is estimated that operations and activities will cost approximately \$3.5 million in FY 2020-21 and \$1.5 million in FY 2021-22.

Legal costs

Costs to defend redistricting plans in subsequent litigation battles have been a significant source of expense in Arizona and California. Section 6(6) of the amendment states that the legislature shall provide "adequate funding to allow the commission to defend any action regarding an adopted plan." California spent over \$1.8 million in legal costs following its 2010 decennial census redistricting¹¹ and is recommending over \$3.0 million to be budgeted for the upcoming 2020 decennial census redistricting to cover post-deliberation litigation costs.¹² As mentioned previously, Arizona appropriated over \$12.0 million in litigation costs over the course of six years. Michigan should anticipate some potential legal costs related to the commission's redistricting plans. It is therefore estimated that an additional \$2.0 million could be expended from the FY 2021-22 appropriation, with additional costs possible in the subsequent years.

⁸ https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2012/06/handouts_20120605_crc_costreport.pdf

⁹ https://www.azauditor.gov/sites/default/files/IRC_2012.pdf

¹⁰ http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/assets/Agendas/Minutes_20110712.pdf

¹¹ https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2012/06/handouts_20120605_crc_costreport.pdf

¹² Sonenshein, Raphael J., "When the People Draw the Lines: An Examination of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission," League of Women Voters of California, 2013.
<https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/jobs/RedistrictingCommission%20Report6122013.pdf>

Department of State administration

The proposal would require increased responsibilities from the DOS in administering the redistricting process, but does not require any appropriation to support the associated costs. The commission's required appropriation would be appropriated to the budget for the legislature, where the commission will be housed. The DOS estimates that the cost of printing and mailing information and applications to voters will cost 55 cents per item. The proposal requires that 10,000 mailings be sent, and that mailings continue to be sent until a certain number of applicants are obtained. This results in a number of possible mailings as large as the number of eligible voters in Michigan. However, assuming that the required number of applicants is obtained after 20,000 mailings, the cost to the DOS will be \$11,000.

Furthermore, in order to fulfil the administrative role of being secretary of the commission and responsible for "all technical services that the commission deems necessary" given to the DOS in the amendment, the DOS may need to hire an additional temporary FTE employee. Using the average Michigan Civil Service employee salary,¹³ it is estimated that an additional \$107,000 would be needed to cover the cost of an additional FTE in each year the commission operates.

Total estimated increased costs

The legislature appropriated \$878,000 for the 2010 reapportionment in Public Act 193 of 2010. Adjusted for inflation, this amount would be equal to just over \$1.0 million in 2018. Adding the costs estimated above, as shown in Table 1, below, the proposal's total estimated increased cost to the state for each decennial redistricting commission would be \$6.3 million.

Table 1: Summary of Total Estimated Increased Costs

<u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legislature	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
Dept. of State	\$118,000	\$118,000	\$118,000	\$354,000
Total	\$118,000	\$3,618,000	\$3,618,000	\$7,354,000
Current Costs				(\$1,005,200)
Total Estimated Increased Costs				\$6,348,800

Legislative Analyst: Jenny McNerney
Fiscal Analyst: Michael Cnossen

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency staff for use by House members in their deliberations, and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.

¹³ State of Michigan Civil Service Commission, "Thirty-eighth Annual Workforce Report, Fiscal Year 2016-17."

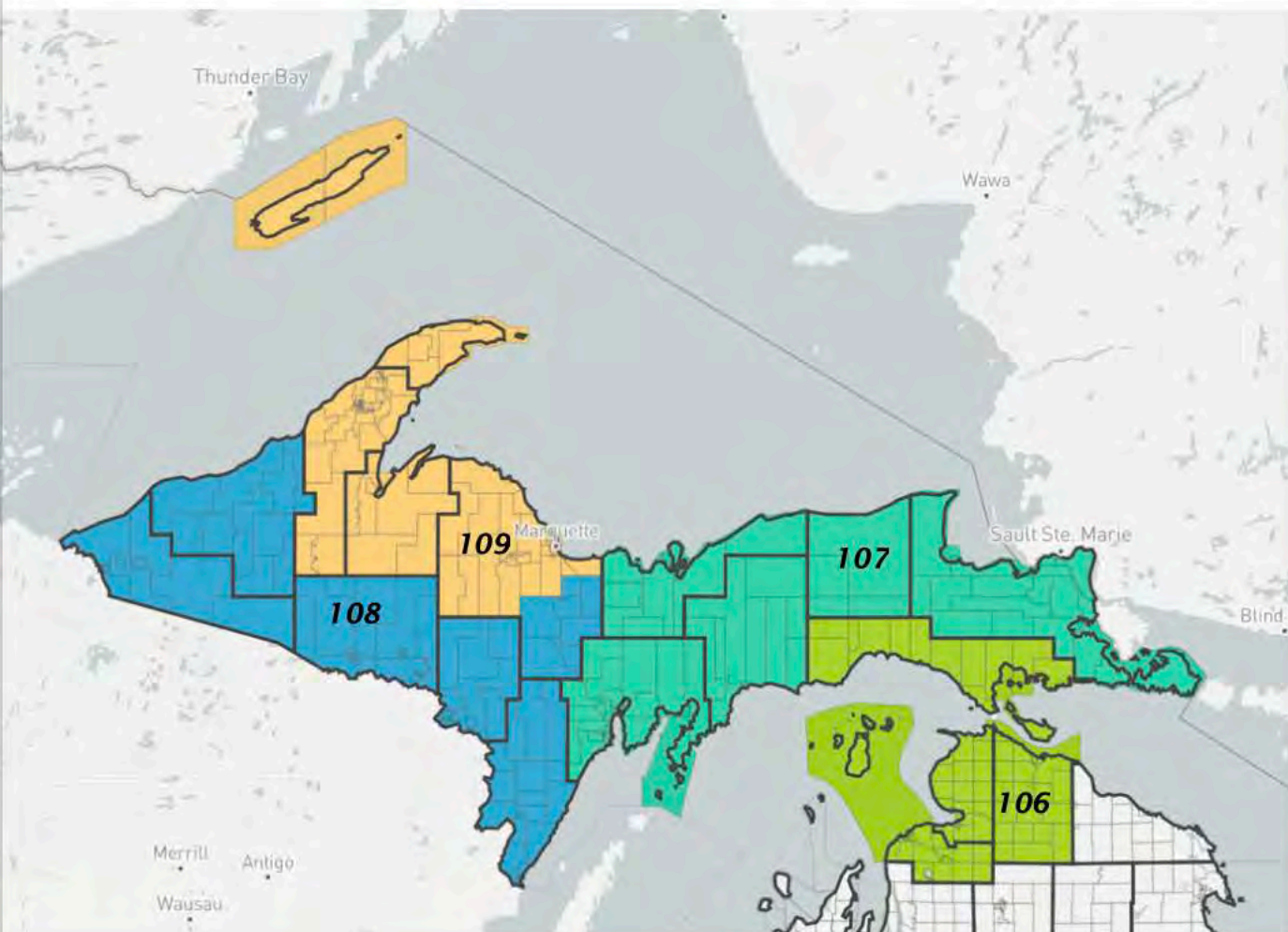
MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.486 Certifying and transmitting language of constitutional amendment or legislation initiated by petition.

Sec. 486. If the qualified electors of this state approve a constitutional amendment or legislation initiated by petition, the board of state canvassers shall certify to the secretary of state the language of the amendment or legislation. The secretary of state shall transmit the language of the amendment or legislation to the director of the department of management and budget.

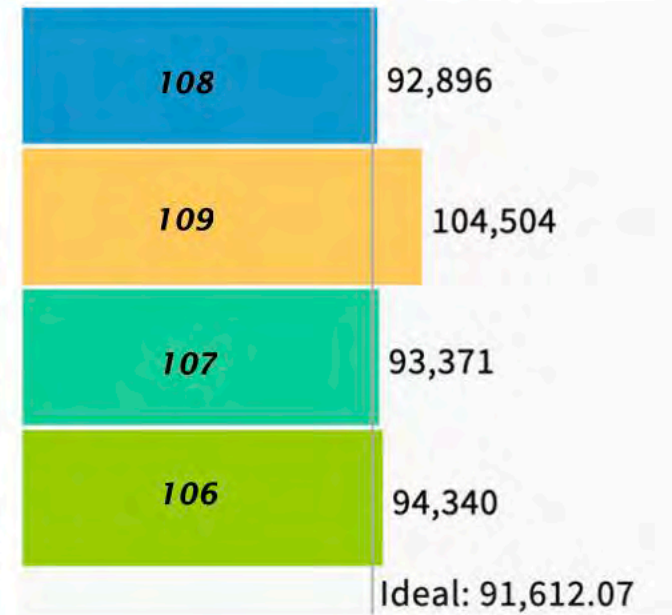
History: Add. 1978, Act 482, Imd. Eff. Nov. 30, 1978.

Popular name: Election Code



Population Balance

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census data on 2020 VTDs.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 9,692

MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 14.0

☐ Highlight unassigned units

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	January 10 (2)		
	January 17 (2)		
	January 24 (2)		
	January 31 (4)		
	February 7 (1)		
	May 28 (1)		
15	June 19, 1964 (3)		
	June 23, 1964 (1)		
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RECORDS OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION ACCUMULATED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BERNARD J. APOL. 1963-1966. 1
6 ft., 5 in.; 90 magnetic tape recordings; 5 cartographic items.

Acts; correspondence; lists of members and staff; opinions; statements of general information; official minutes with copies of items distributed to members, August 30, 1963 - June 22, 1964 and November 12, 1965 - December 31, 1965; plans submitted for examination and consideration; proposals from political parties and other legislators; reference file of printed source materials; testimony taken at public hearings, December 2-6, 1963; workpapers; releases to news media; clippings; report, May 28 and June 23, 1964; certificate of closing, December 31, 1965; magnetic tape recordings of hearings and meetings; projections used on public hearings; and photographs of committee members. Includes typed letter signed by James M. Hare, Secretary of State, to clerk of Supreme Court, dated Lansing, Michigan, January 14, 1966, transmitting this record series to the court, and the charge from the order from the Supreme Court, November 2, 1966. See Appendix I for detail of cartographic items.

RECORDS RELATING TO ELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION. (H.B. 600). 1963. 3 in. 2

Minutes, July 1, 1963 - September 24, 1963; schedules and reports; proposed legislation; and workpapers accumulated by Bernard J. Apol as assistant director of Elections Division, Secretary of State, a member of the sub-committee.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS IN DETROIT AND WAYNE COUNTY FOR PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 2, 1960, COMPILED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS. 1960. 3
2 vols. (2 in.)

Offers ward, number of votes given for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator and other elected officials of Republican and Democratic parties.

Appendix I

Cartographic Records

Map 1 - City of Grand Rapids, precinct map of, revised October 1, 1965. n. pl., n.d.

Whiteprint

No scale

23" x 32"

Map 2 - Map of Michigan Senate Districts, U.S. (Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.)

Insets of Wayne and Oakland counties and the City of Detroit.

Whiteprint

1960

54" x 63"

Map 3 - Map of Michigan House Districts, U.S. (Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.)

Insets of cities of Kalamazoo, Flint, Grand Rapids, Detroit; and Genesee, Kalamazoo, Kent, Saginaw, Ingham, Macomb, Oakland, Muskegon, Bay, Wayne, Calhoun and Monroe counties.

1960

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Map 4 - Map of Michigan. Published by National Map Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, Edition 1192.

Insets of distance chart; explanation of land survey and numbering system, index to place names and locations according to 1920 census. Shows counties, townships, cities, villages, post offices, steam and electric railways, with stations and distances between stations.

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48" x 48"

Scale: 1 in. = 10 miles

Map 5 - Original and photostatic copies of plans for apportionment.

- (1) Senate Plan #1, as amended
Royal Oak area. $13\frac{3}{4}'' \times 20''$.
- (2) Northeastern Detroit. $17\frac{1}{2}'' \times 13\frac{1}{4}''$.
- (3) Statewide plan. $17\frac{1}{4}'' \times 23\frac{3}{4}''$.
- (4) Reduction of No. 3
- (5) Whiteprint of No. 1
- (6) " " No. 2
- (7) " " No. 3
- (8) Original artwork of Nos. 1, 2, 3.
No. 1 and 2 same size
State wide plan $36'' \times 79''$. Scale: 1 in. = 10 miles.
- (9) Senate Plan #2.
Detroit and adjacent area. 1 negative and 1 positive.
 $20'' \times 14''$.
- (10) Senate Plan #3.
General statewide. $17\frac{3}{4}'' \times 23\frac{3}{4}''$.
Northeast Detroit. $18'' \times 13\frac{1}{2}''$.
Detroit area. $20'' \times 13\frac{3}{4}''$.
- (11) Senate #3 Statewide.
General statewide. $17\frac{1}{4}'' \times 23\frac{3}{4}''$.
Northeast Detroit. $18'' \times 13\frac{1}{2}''$.
Detroit area. $20'' \times 13\frac{3}{4}''$.
Reduction of General Statewide.
- (12) House Plan #4. Prepared by Ivan Brown.
Outlines, $17\frac{1}{2}'' \times 21\frac{1}{2}''$; $23\frac{3}{4}'' \times 17\frac{1}{2}''$; $17\frac{1}{2}'' \times 24''$
- (13) House Plan #8.
General statewide. $17\frac{1}{2}'' \times 23''$.

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See Appendix I for list of members and staff; and Appendix II for rules of the Commission. See also RG 68-4.

Appendix I

Commission on Legislative Apportionment

Commission Members

Mr. Richard H. Austin, Democrat, 3374 Oakman Blvd., Detroit
Mr. Ivan Brown, Democrat, 632 Woodward, Iron Mountain
Hon. Wilber M. Brucker, Republican, 2200 Penobscot Building, Detroit
Mr. Henry J. Dongvillo, Democrat, Route No. 1, Fountain
Mr. William Hanna, Republican, 5120 Gay St., Muskegon
Mr. Ralph Huhtala, Republican, 400 Hamilton, Kingsford
Mr. A. Robert Kleiner, Democrat, 1134 Idema Dr., S.E., East Grand Rapids
Mr. Alfred O. LaPorte, Republican, Standish.

Staff Members:

Secretary of State James M. Hare, Secretary
Mr. Bernard J. Apol, Executive Director
Mrs. Lois H. Tomlinson, Secretary-Receptionist
Mrs. Margery Archer, Republican Secretary
Dr. Louis Friedland, Democratic Research Analyst
Mrs. Lillian Kline, Democratic Secretary
Mr. Eldon W. Sneeringer, Republican Research Analyst

Appendix II

Rules of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment

The Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be organized by electing two co-chairmen, one from each Party's Commissioners, and the chairmanship be rotated with one co-chairman presiding for one day and the other co-chairman presiding the next day. Each member of the Commission shall be entitled to one vote, including the presiding officer. Absent chairman can designate a member to act in his stead.

The Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall have as its official meeting place the City of Lansing, Michigan, except as otherwise designated by the majority of the Commission.

The regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be on Friday at 9:30 A.M. The Commission may determine to hold meetings on other days, notice thereof to be given one week in advance.

Additional meetings of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be called by the Secretary upon written request of the co-chairmen (or upon written request of any four members of the Commission.)

A quorum of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall consist of five members. (A number less than five can adjourn a meeting if a quorum is not present within a reasonable time.)

Tentative action may be taken by a majority of the members present and voting upon any question.

Roberts Rules of Order shall be used with the exception that no second shall be required on any motion.

Each political party represented shall have the right to choose its own staff consisting of a research person and one secretary.

The Secretary shall have one general assistant and one secretarial employee.

Staff members shall be paid on a rate comparable to rates fixed by the Civil Service Commission.

Space shall be furnished for one meeting room, one general staff room, and one caucus room for each political party.

All meetings of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be open to the press and public. A specific time shall be allocated for the public to ask questions and present ideas to the Commission. Specific proposals by the public shall be given to the Commission in writing in advance of oral presentation.

The Secretary shall furnish to the Commission on Legislative Apportionment the latest official 1960 decennial census figures, and the same shall govern the actions of the Commission. The Secretary shall furnish to the Commission the land area figures for each county from the official land surveys of the state, and the same shall govern the actions of the Commission.

A schedule for the work of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment shall be as follows:

- a. Tentative deadline for submission of plans by members of the Commission by November 15, 1963.
- b. Tentative deadline for agreement for tentative plans to be published on December 1, 1963.
- c. Completion of work on plan or plans by January 1, 1964.

The Commission on Legislative Apportionment agrees that the question of constitutionality of the apportionment provisions of the Revised Constitution of 1963 shall be left to the courts.

Proceedings of all Commission meetings shall be recorded by means of tapes. These tapes shall be maintained by the Executive Director and shall be available to Commission members for listening and duplicating. Tapes shall not be released to anyone without the consent of the Commission unless the Executive Director deems it necessary on matters of business of the Commission. Tapes shall not be removed from the premises of the Commission without the consent of the Commission.

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Legislative Apportionment Commission

The Legislative Apportionment Commission was created by authority of Act 42, MPA 1963, and transferred by Act 380, MPA 1965 to the jurisdiction of the Department of State. See Michigan Compiled Laws 1970, 4.11-4.21.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, 1971-72. 52 cassettes; 2 reels; 3 folders 5 in.
Tape recordings of public hearings on reapportionment, required under Act 42, MPA 1963. Quality varies from medium to poor. Also includes a small amount of written material related to hearings--letters, speeches, attendance forms, news clippings, summaries.

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, 1971-72
1 ft. 7 in.

Official minutes of the regular meetings of the Commission, signed by the Secretary of State, with exhibits including rules, agendas, maps, printed articles, correspondence between the Secretary of State and the chairman of the Commission, budgetary material, drafts of apportionment plans.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS OF THE LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, 1971-1972. 5 ft., 3 in.

Petitions to the Supreme Court of apportionment plans by members of the Commission, and petition of objection; budget information; correspondence; census data; printed articles; attorney general opinions; elections information; news releases and clippings; miscellaneous reports and bibliographies; drafts or nearprint final copies of proposed representative and senatorial district reapportionment plans. Also includes original city and county detail maps (arranged alphabetically by county) indicating 1960 apportionment districts and census information, used for reference.

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	Other	1981	
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	Plan 1	1981	
	Plan 2	1981	
	Sanderson, et al.	1981 - 1982	
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Box 3	Apportionment Plans (continued)		
	Republican (continued)		
	Senate (continued)		
	Plan 1	1981	
Box 3 Sol 1	Plan 2	1981	1 folder 1 sol folder
Box 3	Plan 5	1982	
	Sanderson, et al.	1981 - 1982	
	Other	1981 - 1982	
	Attorney General Opinions	1966 - 1981	
Box 4	Auditing Process	1981 - 1982	
	Budget	1971 - 1972	
	Census (Federal)	1979 - 1982	
	Correspondence	n.d., 1980-1982	3 folders
	County Clerks, Materials Sent to	1981	
	Court Opinions	1980	
	Population Tables	1981	7 folders
	Alcona-Jackson	1981	
Box 5	Kalkaska-Wayne	1981	
	Summary Counts	1981	7 folders
	Alcona-Eaton	1981	
Box 6	Emmett-Wexford	1981	
Box 7	Other	1979 - 1981	
	Commission Minutes	1981 - 1982	
Boxes 7-8	Paper	1981 - 1982	23 folders
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	County Apportionment	1967 - 1982	
	County Population Summaries	1981	6 folders
	Alcona-Cheboygan	1981	
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	Court Case	1967 - 1972	
	Legislation	1963 - 1971	
	Maps	1969 - 1982	
	County Maps	1970	1 folder
	Allegan	1970	
	Antrim	1970	
	Arenac	1970	
	Barry	1970	
	Bay	1970	
	Benzie	1970	
	Calhoun	1970	
	Clinton	1970	
	Ionia	1970	
	Kalamazoo	1970	
	Kent	1970	
	Lake	1970	
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Box 10	County Maps (continued)	1970	
	Newaygo	1970	
	Oakland	1970	
	Saginaw	1970	
	Sanilac	1970	
	Shiawassee	1970	
	Van Buren	1970	
	Washtenaw	1970	
	Wayne	1970	
Sol. 1	Greater Detroit	n.d., 1971	Sol. folder
Box 10	Minor Civil Division	1970 - 1972	
	Counties	1970 - 1972	
Box 11	Townships (by County)	1971 - 1972	
	Alcona-Chippewa	1971 - 1972	
	Clare-Huron	1971 - 1972	
	Ingham-Livingston	1971 - 1972	
	Luce-Oakland	1971 - 1972	
	Oceana-Van Buren	1971 - 1972	
	Washtenaw-Wexford	1971 - 1972	
	Miscellaneous	ca. 1980	
Sol. 1	Republican Response to House District	1980 - 1982	
Sol. 1	St. Clair County	1969	
Box 12	Petitions filed, Michigan Supreme Court	1982	
	Democratic	1982	
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REAPPORTIONMENT FILES, 1963-1982. 7 cu. ft. 1

Documents the reapportionment of state representative, state senate, and congressional districts as the result of the 1980 federal census. The record consists mainly of census data, maps of various districts and possible changes in districts, and plans prepared by both parties for state and federal reapportionment. Also includes papers concerning the process by which the various plans were audited, and the administration of commission business.

Arranged alphabetically.

10/20/2021

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RE: Map #187 ruled "non-compliant" by Commission's attorney

Sarah,

It is my understanding that as of Monday 10/11/2021, the day prior to the originally set date of the Tuesday commissioners voting, that congressional map #187 was ruled "non-compliant" by the commissioner's attorney.

To this date there have been many maps put up on the web portal and I am unaware that any of them have been ruled as "non-compliant".

As you can see in the previous email string you had sent me an email requesting some further information and details on a map and comments that were no longer on the web map portal. This had been brought up at a open public forum for public comment at a commissioners meeting. Thank you for both your interest as well as your efforts on that matter.

I decided to send you an email requesting some information on map #187 because in your role as department analyst you were most likely the person in charge of oversight regarding all the maps that have entered the web portal. I made that assumption based on the fact that you looked into the previous map irregularity. If there is someone else that I should be contacting for this matter, could you kindly refer this onto that person, and cc a copy of the email to me. If you are unable to find out whom this should go to could you please send an email to me giving me an update.

I am trying to get information of the policy and processes in which maps are first submitted to be placed on the web portal, and when the maps are officially viewed and then determined by the attorney to be compliant or non-compliant. Because I am not aware of the processes in place, I am not sure if all maps go through the same process as a matter of protocol.

I would also like to see the policy, factors, and documentation that are utilized to rule on each map that is submitted. This way I will have an understanding on what deems a map compliant.

Thank you again for your interest and help previously and for whatever assistance/guidance you can give me in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Quehl