



Texas Senate
Committee of the Whole on Redistricting

Senator Chet Brooks
Chair

Senator Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chair, Subcommittee on Congressional Districts

Senator Bob Glasgow
Chair, Subcommittee on Legislative Districts

March 27, 1991

Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the information we are providing to persons interested in redistricting in the Houston and Gulf Coast regional area. A subgroup of the Senate Committee of the Whole on Redistricting will hear public testimony relating to redistricting of the State Senate, State Board of Education, and Congress.

Please note that the enclosure includes a set of Guidelines for Testifying that we hope you will use, and a Witness Affirmation Form that we will require you to complete if you wish to testify or provide written comments.

The rest of the material is intended to inform you of the issues we face in redistricting. The maps and tables indicate the relative population growth rates by county and in the different districts, as well as the racial and language group compositions of counties and districts. Many districts are considerably under or over the ideal population size, and recognizing this phenomenon will aid you in making comments or proposals to the Committee members. In addition, compliance with the Voting Rights Act is a paramount concern to the legislature, so comments or proposals that will aid in that effort are also specifically requested.

Although this is not a meeting of the House Redistricting Committee (which met in Houston on March 23), written testimony on state House redistricting proposals will be accepted and forwarded to that Committee for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Sutherland", written in a cursive style.

Scott Sutherland
Chairman's Coordinator