

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2
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A House concurrent resolution

relating to legislative redistricting; establishing standards for redistricting plans.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring therein:

A plan presented to the Senate or House of Representatives for redistricting seats in the Senate and House of Representatives must adhere to the following standards:

- (1) The Senate must be composed of 67 members. The House of Representatives must be composed of 134 members.
- (2) Each district is entitled to elect a single member.
- (3) A representative district may not be divided in the formation of a senate district.
- (4) The districts must be substantially equal in population. The population of a district must not deviate from the ideal by more than two percent, plus or minus.
- (5) The districts must be composed of convenient contiguous territory. To the extent consistent with the other standards in this resolution, districts should be compact. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel within the district.
- (6) The districts must be numbered in a regular series, beginning with House district 1A in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across the state from west to east, north to south, but bypassing the seven-county metropolitan area until the southeast corner has been reached; then to the seven-county metropolitan area outside the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; then in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- (7) The districts must not dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority populations. Where a concentration of a racial or language minority makes it possible, the districts must increase the probability that members of the minority will be elected.
- (8) A county, city, or town should not be divided into more than one district except as necessary to meet equal-population requirements or to form districts that are composed of convenient contiguous territory.
- (9) The districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest where that can be done in compliance with the preceding standards.
- (10) The geographic areas and population counts used in maps, tables, and legal descriptions of the districts must be those used by the Legislative Coordinating Commission's Subcommittee on Redistricting.

The Subcommittee on Redistricting will notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the necessary 1990 census data has been received from the United States Census Bureau, loaded into the Subcommittee's computerized redistricting system, and verified as ready for use in redistricting. A redistricting plan will not be considered for adoption by the Senate or House of representatives until the notice has been given.