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Senators and Representatives  
Members of the Redistricting Committee

Ten years ago those who redistricted the state disgraced themselves. They violated their oath of office. They violated the Constitution of the State of Ohio. They gave us the travesty of redistricting which exists now. We have doughnuts, and worms and every other possible misalignment of districts. I ask you Senators and Representatives, don't butcher the job this year.

You took an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio.

**15.07 - Oath of officers**

Every person chosen or appointed to any office under this state, before entering upon the discharge of its duties, shall take an oath or affirmation, to support the Constitution of the United States, and of this state, and also an oath of office.

The State constitution specifically calls for House districts to be compact and to follow county lines in some cases.

**HOUSE DISTRICTS FORMATION**

11.07 (A) Every house of representatives district shall be compact and composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district shall be a single nonintersecting continuous line.

(B) Where the requirements of section 3 of this Article cannot feasibly be attained by forming a district from a whole county or counties, such district shall be formed by combining the areas of governmental units giving preference in the order named to counties, townships, municipalities, and city wards.

Senate districts must consist of three contiguous House districts plus other requirements.

**SENATE DISTRICTS; FORMATION.**

11.11 Senate districts shall be composed of three contiguous House of Representatives districts. A county having at least one whole Senate ratio of representation shall have as many Senate districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole Senate ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio shall be a part of only one adjoining Senate district. Counties having less than one Senate ratio of representation, but at least one House of Representatives ratio of representation shall be part of only one Senate district. The number of whole ratios of representation for a county shall be determined by dividing the population of the county by the ratio of representation in the Senate determined under section 2 of this Article. Senate districts shall be numbered from one through thirty-three and as provided in section 12 of this Article.

I challenge you as Americans, as Ohioans and as ladies and gentlemen, do your duty. Obey the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Make the House districts compact. Be sure that Senate districts consist of three contiguous House districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views.

  
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