

Thank you for the opportunity to address this legislative committee.

I live in Senate District 49..Edina, Bloomington and a small section of Minnetonka. I hve lived in the community for over 50 years and have been involved in many community activities, including serving as an election judge for close to 40 years.

According to the released census data, SD 49 currently has 85,172 residents which amount to 2837 people over the suggested base population. When one examines these figures it becomes clear that SD 49 is very close to the ideal population. It would take only a relatively small adjustment of the district lines to bring SD 49 into a more perfect compliance.

SD 49 has seen some significant growth in diversity in the past 10 years; this resulting change in additional population reflects the overall growth of the general metropolitan area. As I understand it, only small shifts of precincts would be necessary to achieve the resulting desired balance of population.

While I certainly cannot speak to proposed boundary changes in the entire Third Congressional District, I can say that the SD 49 boundaries are quite close to the ideal.

I strongly urge your attention to the possibility of small precinct shifts.

Thank you.
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