

2011 Redistricting Committee Board of Representatives

Committee Report

Date:Tuesday, July 26, 2011Time:6:30 p.m.Place:Republican Caucus Room
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Redistricting Committee of the Board of Representatives met jointly with the 2011 Redistricting Commission at the time and place indicated above. All members of both the Commission and the Committee were present along with Rep. Zelinsky and Cindy Barber of GIS.

Members of both the Commission and the Committee introduced themselves.

Members – Redistricting Committee

Representative Randall M. Skigen, President of the Board (D-19) Representative Elaine Mitchell, Majority Leader (D-2) Representative Eileen Heaphy, Deputy Majority Leader (D-8) Representative Terry Adams (D-3) Representative Joseph Coppola (R-15) Representative Mary Uva (R-1) Representative Frank Cerasoli (R-15)

Members – Redistricting Commission

David Martin, Co-Chair (D) Vincent Freccia, Co-Chair (R) Albert Banks (D) John DaRosa (D) Michael Cacace (R) Nino Antonelli (R) Cristina Andreana (R) Kieran Ryan (R)

Co-Chair Martin (Commission) presented a three page <u>Status Report</u> (see attached). He also discussed the target numbers, noting that:

- 1. About 5% of the population has been moved. A goal was to minimize the number moved as people can get quite angry when they go to vote and find out their polling location has been changed.
- 2. All 40 incumbent Board of Reps members are within the boundaries of the current district.
- 3. 75 of the 80 members of the RTC and the DCC are within boundaries of their current district.

Mr. Martin distributed maps prepared as a result of the last meeting and reviewed the changes to the maps (see <u>Maps presented at 6/28/11 Meeting</u>)

Mr. Martin stated that the Commission is in effect finished with the process. He and Co-Chair Freccia have decided to hold one more meeting to take up any suggestions for improvement that may be presented to the Commission.

Mr. Freccia reviewed the four meetings held to date, and outlined what the Commission did at each of its meetings. He noted that the Commission is very proud of the work that it accomplished.

The Committee and Commission members discussed specific areas, particularly neighboring districts with large disparities from the target number.

President of the Board Skigen stated that the Committee will decide at Steering if it is going to meet in August. If the Committee does meet in August, he would prefer that the Commission hold off on its final report to consider any comments or suggestions that the Committee may offer.

Maps for each district for distribution to representatives were requested, and Ms. Barber agreed to produce them.

Mr. Skigen thanked Ms. Barber for her excellent work during this process.

The Commission also scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is available on videotape.