

Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

Here are some suggestions for redistricting from me and a number of others:

(1) All Districts should be drawn as nearly ***circular*** as possible. (This will automatically reduce "Gerrymandering.")

(2) All Districts should be drawn using and considering only TWO criteria:

(a) individual property boundaries, (and ignoring all city, county, or other boundaries; all roads, highways, etc.)

and (b) the number of people actually residing on that property (and ignoring race, sex, political party, economic information, and everything else.) Parks, most agricultural and forest land, rivers, lakes, and so forth will have zero residents.

We (numerous people with whom I have discussed this idea) suggest starting at the corners of the State and in all cities with a population of more the 20,000 or so. Start adding up the population of adjoining properties. When the sum equals 1,000 or 10,000 (+/- 1% or so), mark that region in some way (*e.g.* in different colors, with a thick black outline, or some type of cross-hatching), then continue until the entire State is covered. Each State Representative District will consist of 1/60 of the number of marked regions--as nearly circular as possible! Each State Senate District will consist of two adjoining State Representative Districts. Depending on whether Oregon receives a 6th Congressional District or not, each Congressional District will consist of five or six adjoining State Senate Districts (or ten or twelve adjoining State Representative Districts.)

We thank you in advance!

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