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Oregon Redistricting Committees

Redistricting is very important in insuring all constituents are properly represented. Below is a very simple means to provide equal and proper representation for all citizens of the State of Oregon.

For State Senatorial districts – Each county shall have 2 Senators, just like every State is represented by 2 United States Senators, no matter of the area size of the county or the population size of the county.

For State Representative districts – Again, much like the United States Congress, where each representative represents an equal (or near equal) number of constituents. Each county in Oregon shall be represented by at least 1 representative, with that representative's vote equaling that percent of the county's population divided by the state of Oregon's population. For example: if Oregon's total population is 4,129,808 (according to one source) and each Oregon House of Representative represents 70,000 people. Multnomah County, with a population of 804,606, would be entitled to 19.483 votes, the population divided by 70,000, or 11 representatives (rounded down from 11.494), each representative would represent 1.771 votes. Columbia County, with a population of 51,375, would be entitled to 1.244 votes for its 1 representative. And Sherman County, with a population of 1642, with 1 representative, would be entitled to .040 votes.

Those counties that would have more than one representative would divide their county districts by lines of latitude and lines of longitude keeping towns and communities together as much as possible, keeping populations sizes as equal as possible, instead of the meandering lines that currently represent of state Senatorial and Representative districts.

This system can be used no matter how the population changes or the size of representation changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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