

Appendix E

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1991 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

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The following guidelines were adopted by the Oklahoma House of Representatives Reapportionment Committee:

1. The committee will strive to make all legislative and congressional plans fair and reasonable with regard to minority, ethnic, and political groups.
2. Districts will be drawn to be numerically as equal in population as possible, using the following percentages:
 - A. The House district plan must have an overall range of no more than 8 percent (+/- 4%). No individual district boundary shall deviate more than 10 percent (+/-5%), unless it is in consideration of a political boundary (e.g., a municipal boundary).
 - C. The congressional district plan must have an overall range of no more than 1 percent (+/-0.5%). This shall be considered a guideline. The committee will strive for the accepted standard of "as nearly equal in population as practicable."
3. Whenever possible, county and municipal boundaries will be used for district boundaries in order to preserve the integrity of existing political subdivisions.
4. As required by law, districts will be drawn to be contiguous. Compactness of districts will be a consideration; however, population and geographic requirements will take precedence should a conflict arise.
5. Districts should not be drawn deliberately to protect or defeat an incumbent representative.
6. The U.S. 1990 Decennial Census will be used as the basis for the House redistricting plan and for the congressional reapportionment.
7. The House plan will be drawn to include 101 districts.