

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2011 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

The following guidelines are suggested for the House Redistricting Committee's consideration:

1.
 - A. The House Redistricting Committee will strive to make all legislative and congressional plans fair and reasonable with regard to population, minority, ethnic and political groups.
 - B. Districts will be drawn to be numerically as equal in population as possible, using the following percentages:
 - i. The House district plan must have an overall range of no more than 6% (+/-3%). No individual district boundary shall deviate more than 6% (+/-3%), unless it is in consideration of a political boundary (e.g., a municipal boundary).
 - ii. The congressional district plan must have an overall range of no more than 1% (+/-0.5%). This shall be considered a guideline. The House Redistricting Committee will strive for the accepted standard of "as nearly equal in population as practicable."
2. Whenever possible, county and municipal boundaries which are *on physical features* will be considered for district boundaries, in order to preserve the integrity of existing political subdivisions.
3. 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.
4. Where possible, consideration shall be given to preserving long-standing communities of interest based on social, cultural, ethnic, and economic similarities.
5. In addition, the House Redistricting Committee may seek to preserve the core of existing districts, and may consider the residence of incumbents.
6. The House Redistricting Committee will use the 2010 Census Redistricting Data [P.L. 94-171] Summary Files as the basis for the House redistricting plan and for the congressional redistricting plan.
7. The House plan will be drawn to include 101 districts.