

APPENDIX D

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2001 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

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

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 10 percent (+/-5%). 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).
 - B. 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 which are *on physical features* will be considered 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 committee will recommend which U.S. 2000 Decennial Census database should be used 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.