

REDISTRICTING GEORGIA NOW AND 10 YEARS AGO 7.6.11

NOW -2011

Current Districts

Georgia House District 113

http://www1.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/house/communications/maps/HD113.pdf

Georgia Senate District 46

<http://www.senate.ga.gov/senators/Documents/Maps/Map46.pdf>

Georgia Congressional Districts - Effective 2006

<http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/pdf/gacongress2006color.pdf>



http://www.avoc.info/info/images/site_images/maps/GA.10th.District.Map.jpg

GA 10th Congressional District

Sliced and diced - Redistricting fears – ABH -7.3.11

http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/070311/new_851986711.shtml?#comment247266

.... With 32,808 residents counted during the census, that will be theoretically possible in Oconee County. **House districts** must have equal populations, and each **will contain about 54,000 people** after new lines are drawn.

Other counties have grown too fast over the past decade. Barrow County is now almost entirely represented by state Rep. Terry England, R-Auburn, and Rep. Tommy Benton, R-Jefferson, has almost all of Jackson County. But they have grown to about 70,000 and 60,000 people, respectively.

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Some Barrow County residents also asked to be moved from U.S. Rep. Rob Woodall's congressional district to Rep. Paul Broun's.

"Many people in Barrow County want Barrow County to be severed from Gwinnett and joined with Athens-Clarke County because we see similar interests between the two," resident Tom McGrath said.

Legislators are reluctant to discuss specifics until an Aug. 15 special session. Members of the Republican majority have pledged to keep districts compact and communities together. Democrats, who drew blatantly gerrymandered districts when they were in power in 2002, are charging the GOP with shutting them out of the process.

State Rep. Doug McKillip, R-Athens, who sits on the redistricting committee, said he will look at the region as a whole when putting together the puzzle pieces.

"Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Madison are part of the University of Georgia's sphere of influence," McKillip said. "I'd call that a community of interest.".....

Redistricting a formidable task for 2011 –Albany Herald -12.26.10

http://www.albanyherald.com/home/headlines/Redistricting_a_formidable_task_for_2011_112460969.html

ALBANY, Ga. — One of the state's most renowned political scientists said south Georgia is poised to lose more representation as the state reorganizes political districts in the wake of the latest census figures.

While Georgia itself picked up one new seat in the U.S. House of Representatives thanks to an increase in population, **the epicenter of the growth in Georgia continues to be in northern Georgia**, which University of Georgia professor Charles Bullock expects to see Georgia's newest congressional district emerge.....

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS -

In terms of south Georgia, **the three main congressional districts — the 1st, 2nd and 8th — will most likely be impacted by the population shifts.**

Under federal guidelines, law and caselaw handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, when the General Assembly tackles redistricting it must take into consideration certain factors.

Two Supreme Court opinions handed down in the 1960s — *Wesberry v. Sanders* and *Reynolds v. Sims* — state that the districts must be drawn so that “as nearly as is practicable one person's vote in a congressional election is to be worth as much as another's,” and that state districts must be “as nearly of equal population as is practicable.”

Additionally, Georgia must have its districts approved by the U.S. Department of Justice prior to their taking shape when the 113th Congress takes its seat in 2013, to ensure that minority districts are fairly represented both at the federal and state levels.

While the U.S. Census has until April 1 to get the local census data to the General Assembly for use in redistricting, based on the three above guidelines and Georgia's population trends that have already been announced, Bullock said he believes the three main south Georgia Congressional districts will likely undergo changes before they can be approved.

Since the 2010 Census data show that Georgia's population grew by 18 percent between 2000 and 2010 to better than 9.6 million residents, and each district has to be close to the same number of residents, changes in population density in the south will likely mean all three districts will have to pick up some real estate to keep the 680,000-people-per-district ratio close, Bullock said.

“Since the population will presumably be more dense in northern Georgia, the southern districts will have to find more people to equal out,” Bullock said. “That could make for some interesting drawing given that the 2nd is landlocked by Alabama and Florida, and the 1st is locked in by Florida and the Atlantic.

“What I expect you'll see is that the Republican leadership will concede the 2nd to Sanford Bishop and draw the 8th to make it safer for newly minted congressman Austin Scott,” he added.

Bullock said he doesn't expect the 2nd congressional district to change much geographically, but it will likely be redrawn to pick up the rest of Muscogee County in the north.

THEN 2001 –TEN YEARS AGO

Congressional Maps Drawn by Democrats in 2001

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=997&ENGINEsessID=03b0923c827c0e4b515bdd4fafdae6b8>

From Athens to Savannah.....

MAP OF 76TH STATE HOUSE DISTRICT APPROVED AUGUST 2001

<http://www.avoc.info/maps/76TH%20STATE%20HOUSE%20DISTRICT%20APPROVED%20AUGUST%202001.htm>

INCLUDES PARTS OF OCONEE, CLARKE & MADISON COUNTIES

9-26-01 Redistricting Mess- An Embarrassment - Shipp

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=1276&ENGINEsessID=03b0923c827c0e4b515bdd4fafdae6b8>

GA Senate Districts after 2001 Democratic Redistricting

<http://avoc.info/tempimages/sendist.jpg>

4-5-02 Politics of the Georgia Senate and Doug Haines

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=1173&ENGINEsessID=03b0923c827c0e4b515bdd4fafdae6b8>

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2-11-04 Federal Judges Overturn GA Legislative Maps

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=922&ENGINEsessID=03b0923c827c0e4b515bdd4fafdae6b8>

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3-27-04 Federal Court Approves State Senate & House Districts

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=1047&ENGINEsessID=03b0923c827c0e4b515bdd4fafdae6b8>

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11-12-02 – GA Redistricting Needs Revisiting

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=686&ENGINEsessID=b9eed33897359a849fe9fd049d271dd8>

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An Editorial in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on November 12, 2002, discussed the gerrymandering of Congressional Districts by the Georgia Democrats.

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Redistricting had a lot to do with the defeat of Barnes and Tom Murphy. They were so blatantly partisan during the process that they created anger and frustration that manifested itself at the polls. It was one of the key examples of their arrogant attitude toward leadership and helped lead to their "downfall".

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Redistricting needs to be revisited but as a balanced and less partisan process. Most of us do not want to be "gerrymandered" by Republicans anymore than by Roy Barnes and Company.....

11-12-02 Election Results are Clear – Crowd in Barnes' Tent Dwindled to a Minority

<http://www.avoc.info/info/article.php?article=687&ENGINEsessID=cf01e0c8acffe0c200c4e664987fae8>

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It is interesting (and amusing) to see all of the analysis and many vitriolic letters and columns about the election results. Much of this seems to come from folks who do not understand and really appreciate our Democratic republic. The majority rules in an election (Electoral College with the Presidency). That is basic in Civics and elementary government.

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Much of the criticism comes from persons with an "elitist" attitude who feel they know best. That is the "stuff" that supports monarchies and totalitarian regimes. Our state and nation will survive all elections- it always has. Governors, Presidents and legislators come and go. We only have one at a time and we must "play the cards we are dealt". No one absolutely knows what is best on issues. Our combined

votes indicate a consensus at any given time to make decisions and elect leaders. Life moves on. Loyalties change. That is reality!

As the AJC article below indicates, **Roy Barnes' arrogance beat him and others.** Barnes blasted County Commissioners during his first legislative session. He lost most of us then and never got us back. A county official friend from Northwest Georgia told me last weekend that he did not know any county commissioners supporting Barnes around the whole state. The 'redistricting disaster' did not endear him or his supporters either.

The "Tent Parable" is interesting and illustrates basic rules of politics- you have to have friends and supporters!

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