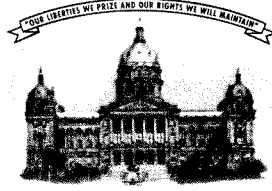


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MEMORANDUM

TO: NEWS EDITORS THROUGHOUT IOWA

FROM: LEGISLATIVE SERVICE BUREAU

RE: PRESS RELEASE

The first proposed Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Plan to be submitted to the Iowa General Assembly will be the topic of three public hearings to be held in Sioux City, Iowa City and Des Moines the third week of April. The Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission, created pursuant to law, will hold the public hearings to receive the comments of interested citizens and representatives of political subdivisions and organizations on the plan. The plan is being prepared pursuant to law by the nonpartisan Legislative Service Bureau, based on the 2001 Census Bureau population data, using strict nonpartisan guidelines. The plan will be released at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2001, at the State Capitol.

The five members of the Commission are Chair Robert Malloy of Goldfield, Lance Ehmcke of Sioux City, Jo McCarty of Iowa City, Joseph O'Hern of Johnston, and Linda Primmer of Council Bluffs.

The Sioux City public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 405 6th St.

The Iowa City public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the ICN Room at the Iowa City School District Administration Building, 509 S. Dubuque St. The following ICN sites will be interactive with the Iowa City site:

North Iowa Area Community College (CC#1)
 Activity Center, Room 106
 500 College Drive
 Mason City

University of Dubuque
Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap Technology Center
2000 University Avenue, Room #T201
Dubuque

Iowa Lakes Community College
Gateway North Mall
1900 North Grand
Spencer

Hawkeye Community College (CC#2)
Tama Hall, Room 105
1501 E. Orange Rd.
Waterloo

Iowa Western Community College (CC#3)
Looft Hall
2700 College Rd.
Council Bluffs

Scott Community College (Bettendorf CC#1)
500 Belmont Rd.
Bettendorf

Indian Hills Community College (CC#4)
Video Conferencing Training Center, Building 17
651 Indian Hills Drive
Ottumwa.

The Des Moines public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Wallace State Office Building Auditorium, 502 East 9th St.

Any individual wishing to make comments about the proposed plan at one or more of the public hearings may contact the Legislative Information Office at (515) 281-5129 and the individual will be listed as a speaker at the hearing requested in the order that the request is received. Those requesting to make comments from an ICN site will be listed in order for that particular ICN site. The actual time at which a requester may be called upon to speak will depend upon the number of individuals requesting to speak. It is not required that speakers provide written copies of their testimony, but written copies of testimony will be accepted and will be made available to Commission members.

The Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission will accept written testimony in lieu of oral presentations either by ordinary mail or by electronic mail if the written testimony is received on or prior to April 18 by the Legislative Service Bureau. Any written testimony must include the name and address of the author.

Oral presentations will be limited to three minutes for each presenter. Written testimony is limited to the equivalent of five pages. It is not required that those requesting to speak register in advance of the hearing, but those registering to speak at the hearing location will be called upon to speak after those who registered prior to the hearing. If time remains after all who have registered to speak have spoken, the Commission may hear additional remarks from those who have already spoken and from those who did not register prior to the hearing but wish to speak.

Individuals wishing to speak at a public hearing may request that copies of the redistricting plan and accompanying materials be mailed to them or may access the information from the internet at the General Assembly's website: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us>