

REPORT OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Redistricting Committee of the Legislative Council met on January 16, 2001, and makes the following report and recommendations:

- I. That the joint rules of the House and Senate should include rules governing the consideration of proposed redistricting bills during the 2001 session of the Legislature. The rules would be the same as those adopted in 1991 for redistricting and would provide that redistricting bills prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau are not subject to the deadlines for consideration of bills, that the legislative body rejecting a proposed redistricting plan would be required to provide reasons for that rejection, and that amendments to the third proposed redistricting plan would have to encompass an entire redistricting plan for legislative districts, congressional districts, or both.
- II. That the Legislature should schedule a joint session of the House and Senate within the next three weeks for the purpose of having the Legislative Service Bureau provide the members of the Legislature with an overview and increased understanding of Iowa's redistricting process.
- III. That the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission should seriously consider the use of the Iowa Communications Network during at least one of the three public hearings the Commission conducts concerning the first proposed redistricting plan as required by law.