## **REPORT OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 7, 1991

The Redistricting Committee of the Legislative Council met on March 7, 1991, and respectfully submits to the Legislative Council the following report and recommendations:

- 1. The Committee authorized a three-member subcommittee consisting of Chairperson McKinney, Vice Chairperson Hutchins, and Representative Van Maanen to negotiate with Election Data Services, Inc. to allow for additional public access to the electronic data base used for redistricting.
- 2. The Committee recommended that the Legislative Council require the Legislative Service Bureau to provide to the public, upon request, a report on the demographic composition of each district created in a redistricting plan submitted to the General Assembly for consideration. The report would be based on demographic information available from the 1990 federal Census Bureau data and would include information on the minority population composition of legislative districts in any submitted redistricting plan. The report need not be prepared by Legislative Service Bureau employees drawing redistricting plans if preparation by those employees would conflict with the requirements of Code chapter 42.
- 3. The Committee requested the Committees on State Government of the Senate and House of Representatives to hold one or more joint public hearings on any suggested changes in Code chapter 42 regarding the consideration of minority populations in the redistricting process.

Respectfully submitted,

REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE MCKINNEY Chairperson

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