

REPORT OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
TO THE SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Redistricting Committee of the Legislative Council, consisting of Senators JoAnn Johnson, Jeff Angelo, and John Kibbie, and Representatives Bob Brunkhorst, Steve Falck, and Janet Metcalf, met on June 26, 2000, in the Reagen Conference Room in the State Capitol. Senators Johnson, Angelo, and Kibbie, and Representative Metcalf were present. Representative Brunkhorst was present by conference telephone call. The Committee makes the following report and recommendations to the Service Committee:

1. That the Redistricting Committee received the following redistricting information:
 - Redistricting Quick Takes describing Iowa's unique statutory redistricting process
 - Summary of 1989-1991 preparations for redistricting
 - Redistricting Phase 3 budget authorization request
 - Iowa Code chapter 42 governing Iowa's redistricting process
 - 2000-2001 redistricting timetable
 - 1981 and 1991 newspaper clippings regarding Iowa's redistricting process
 - Redistricting issues for consideration by the Redistricting Committee

2. That the Legislative Service Bureau, in cooperation with the four caucus staffs, respond to the United States Bureau of the Census' solicitation of requests for receipt of Census 2000 Data and Geographic Products to be provided to the Iowa General Assembly, at no cost, pursuant to federal statute.

3. That the Service Committee recommend to the Legislative Council the approval of the negotiation and entering into of a contract between the Legislative Council and a vendor for Phase 3 of redistricting (the proposal and enactment of congressional and legislative redistricting plans), and that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council, in consultation with the Minority Leaders, be authorized to approve the final contract, after continuing consultation with the members of the Redistricting Committee.

4. That the Service Committee recommend to the Legislative Council the approval of the hiring of one additional redistricting staff person for the Legislative Service Bureau (LSB) for the 2000-2001 budget year (LSB budget modification), the hiring of a temporary drafter/staffer for the 2001 legislative session to replace Ed Cook who has been reassigned to the redistricting project (no LSB budget modification contemplated), and the purchase of any additional hardware necessary for the Iowa General Assembly to complete redistricting (joint expense authorization).