

**Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee
2005 Member List**

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Senator Bill Stephens
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Senator Regina Thomas
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Senator Tommie Williams
District 19

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING RULES
2005-2006 TERM

- 1) The quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
- 2) The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairperson.
- 3) The Chairperson shall determine measures to be considered and the order in which such measures are considered.
- 4) The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.
- 5) These Committee Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and seconded and subsequently approved by two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given twenty four (24) hours prior to the Committee meeting.

A meeting of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Thursday, February 10, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Smith, 52nd, Seabaugh, 28th, Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hudgens, 47th, Moody, 56th, Stephens, 27th and Thomas, 2nd.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:32 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, started the meeting with introduction of all committee members present. Chairman Rogers, 21st, introduced rules.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any questions.

Senator Thomas, 2nd, moved to pass, Senator Chance, 16th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, motion to **do pass rules**.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were anymore questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

A meeting of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Smith, 52nd, Seabaugh, 28th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hudgens, 47th, Moody, 56th, Stephens, 27th, Thomas, 2nd, and Williams, 19th.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers, 21st, at 2:37 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, started the meeting by speaking on [SR 166](#); This bill declares that the Senate resolves that any general bill which provides for the congressional apportionment must meet the following criteria: All districts will comply with the US Constitution and Voting Rights Act of 1965; Districts must be contiguous other than solely by a single point; Districts must be compact without bizarre shapes; Communities of interest may not be divided unless necessary to comply with applicable law. "Communities of interest" may be defined by economic, social, and cultural factors, government services, and location; Few counties and recognized political boundaries should be divided unless necessary to comply with other requirements or law; and No district may be drawn for the purpose of diluting voting strength of any person, group or groups, or members of any political party. Voting history may not be a sole factor.

Senator Brown, 26th, asked the definition of "bizarre"

Chairman Rogers, 21st, read definition of bizarre; "Strikingly unconventional in style or appearance, odd".

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were anymore questions.

Brown, 26th, asked do we have a map that I can look over.

Rogers, 21st, replies yes map is in your folder.

Rogers, 21st, ask if there are anymore questions on map.

Senator Stephens, 27th, moved to pass, Senator Smith, 52nd, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, announced motion to **do pass**.

All voted, there were three nays from Senators Brown, 26th, Harbison, 15th, and Thomas, 2nd.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were anymore questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

A meeting of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Thursday, February 24, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Smith, 52nd, Seabaugh, 28th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Fort, 39th, Harbison, 15th, Hudgens, 47th, Shafer, 48th, Stephens, 27th, and Thomas, 2nd.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers, 21st, at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, started the meeting with discussion of the proposed new map which is [Senate Bill 214](#).

Chairman Rogers, 21st, ask the committee members if anyone had any questions or concerns about the map.

Harbison, 15th, asked why are we drawing the map at this time rather than waiting until 2010. Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered, from the constituents I have spoken to in my district, they say that there is some concern that the current map creates a lot of confusion among the voters. Harbison, 15th, ask did you do a poll of some kind or the entire state. Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered, no I did not have a poll, I was responding to constituents in my district that asked that or believed that we should have another map.

Thomas, 2nd, stated that she has no complaints from her constituents about the Congressional districts.

Brown, 26th, ask Chairman Rogers, 21st, does your constituents receive a voter card when they register to vote or move from one district to the next for voter registration. Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered I'm sure they do.

Harbison, 15th, asked what about input from the Justice Department dealing with retrogression and other issues that would cause some concern? Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered I can probably not comment with the level of expertise that you would like. Harbison, 15th, asked for Chairman Rogers, 21st opinion.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered the numbers that I have looked at fall within the guidelines of what I believe to be the standards of retrogression.

Chairman Rogers, 21st asked that Bryan Tyson, who worked on this map and these numbers, would he like to comment on this retrogression category. Bryan Tyson answered yes.

Harbison, 15th, asked Tyson, were there any complaints for Democrats, Republicans, and the Justice Department other than perhaps maybe Democrats/Republican kind of issues that generally surround this kind of issue. Tyson answered, to his understanding that it maintains the black voting age population the same as under the current district

boundaries and it's not a majority/minority district where it would be retrogressive but a heavy influenced district that's maintained at the same level.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions.

Brown, 26th, asked Tyson if he drew this map. Tyson answered, yes with the assistance and input from the members of Georgia Congressional delegation.

Brown, 26th, asked Tyson who he is employed by. Tyson answered, I am employed by the U.S. Congress, but I drew this map on my personal computer which I own, which has a copy of maptitude on it.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, I would like to address the supplemental rules at this time. Does anyone have any questions on the rules?

Brown, 26th, how do the supplemental rules differ from the rules? Chairman Rogers, 21st, answered the supplemental rules simply address basically in what form we're going to accept the maps into this committee in an effort to make sure we follow a streamlined process.

Smith, 52nd, move to adopt supplemental rules, Hudgens, 47th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, supplemental rules adopted with eight yeas, and four nays.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more comments about the proposed map.

Thomas, 2nd, asked Tyson with the 13 districts, does he have a breakdown of the precincts that are in each one of these newly drawn districts with the composition of the minorities in those districts. Tyson answered, we can generate one.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

A meeting of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Friday, February 25, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Seabaugh, 28th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hudgens, 47th, Moody, 56th, Shafer, 48th, Stephens, 27th, Thomas, 2nd, and Williams, 19th.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers, 21st, at 1:20 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, started the meeting by stating that we had one bill to discuss today and possibly take action on [Senate Bill 214](#). He stated that members will find the actual substitute map in your folder and present in front of us here marked as Congress Fair 2.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked that Bryan Tyson come forth to help explain any changes that were made or how this map was structured and answer any question.

Brown, 26th, asked could he have the changes explained and why.

Tyson answered that after the Senate plan was introduced, members of the Legislature began coming to Chairman Rogers, 21st, and to Chairman Franklin in the House and going through their suggested changes to areas. The primary changes have been around the Cobb County area with the 6th has been altered along with some changes in Henry. In the Rockdale area, Rockdale's been put back into two districts now instead of in three. There have been some changes in the 3rd as will.

Brown, 26th, asked when you make reference to counties, will you make reference to districts as you go through them.

Tyson, answered in Cobb County the changes would involve the 6th, 11th, and some in the 13th. There have also been some changes between the 8th, 13th, and 14th in Rockdale County. Minor changes in the 9th up in northeast Georgia, and a few changes in the 3rd district around Baldwin County.

Brown, 26th, asked was any changes or request made from any Congressman.

Tyson answered that they may have directed their comments to Chairman Rogers, 21st, Tyson answered that all his input come through Chairman Rogers, 21st.

Thomas, 2nd, asked if it was possible to get a demographic breakdown by precinct of where this district new 12 and 1 is.

Tyson answered that the Reapportionment Office could give you an exact breakdown of what it was in all the different splits.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, ask if anyone in the committee had any more questions.

Stephens, 27th, asked Bryan could he please state his qualifications.

Tyson answered he first began drawing maps in March of 2001. He drew all the Republican State House plans that were submitted during the 2001 session. In 2002 and 2003 he drew Senate and Congressional plans. He stated that he has testified and was admitted as an expert on Maptitude to the Superior Court of Walker County.

Stephens, 27th, thanked Tyson.

Brown, 26th, asked was there any community interest factors.

Tyson answered yes we did take communities of interest into account as much as we possibly could within those factors as well.

Brown, 26th, asked how you would define community of interest.

Tyson answered the community of interest would most likely be the Atlanta Metro area; those are all suburbs of Metro Atlanta.

Brown, 26th, asked if the data that was used in drawing these maps were solely the census data from 2002.

Tyson answered he didn't use solely census data, he state he has a political database that was supplemented.

Brown, 26th, asked could a copy of the political database be provided to him.

Tyson answered yes.

Harbison, 15th, asked what do the trending in these various districts show. Is district 13 trending urban? What are the trends of theses particular districts?

Tyson answered the 6th, 11th and the 10th areas north of Atlanta are continuing to grow rapidly, Henry County and Paulding are some of the fastest growing counties in the country.

Brown, 26th, asked Tyson in outlining the standards that he had under consideration in drawing the maps and making sure that you were protecting the interests of the Voting Rights Act. Tyson answered yes.

Brown, 26th, asked how many African-American Congressmen are there in the Georgia Delegation.

Tyson answered there are four currently.

Stephens, 27th, asked what is the population deviation between these districts.

Tyson answered plus or minus one person. Absolute zero.

Stephens, 27th asked was politics the driving force behind this.

Tyson answered no it was not the primary consideration.

Brown, 26th, asked did you consider all comments given to you during this process. Tyson answered yes.

Stephens, 27th, asked do you believe this plan, this map, complies with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Tyson answered yes.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there anymore questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Hudgens, 47th, move to pass, Seabaugh, 28th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, announced a motion to, **do pass by substitute.**

All voted, there were three nays from Brown, 26th, Harbison, 15th, and Thomas, 2nd.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were anymore questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

A meeting of the reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Friday, March 11, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Smith, 52nd, Seabaugh, 28th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Fort 39th, Harbison, 15th, Hudgens, 47th, Moody, 56th, Stephens 27th, Thomas, 2nd, and Williams, 19th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

A large copy of the proposed House map was presented to the committee.

HB 499 (Rep. Franklin, 43rd) Congressional Districts; composition and election provisions.

Chairman Rogers, 21st explained HB 499 to the Committee, and offered a Committee Substitute (LC 18 4380S). Chairman Rogers, 21st also stated that this bill has slight differences to [SB 214](#) that was passed out of Senate committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Senator Hudgens, 47th, moved do pass, Senator Seabaugh 28th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers 21st, announced a motion to, **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

All having voted, there were six yeas and four nays recorded from Senators Brown, 26th Fort, 39th, Harbison, 15th, and Thomas, 2nd, and the motion carried.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

A meeting of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Senate Committee was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Seabaugh, 28th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Fort, 39th, Hudgens, 47th, Moody, 56th, Shafer, 48th, Stephens 27th, Thomas, 2nd, and Williams, 19th.

HB 499 (Representative Franklin 43rd) Congressional District; composition elections provisions (substitute)

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, explained why [HB 499](#) was brought back to the committee and offered the same committee substitute (LC 18 4380S) stating that there are no changes being made to HB 499.

Sen. Hudgens, 47th, motioned do pass, Sen. Seabaugh 28th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, announced a motion to **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**.

All having voted, there were seven yeas and two nays recorded from Senators Brown, 26th, and Fort, 39th, and the motion carried.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Mitch Seabaugh, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary