
Presentation of Redistricting Plans
-The Wattson Plan-
A Plan for Minnesotans by Minnesotans

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League of Women Voters Minnesota
• Over 100 years of empowering voters and defending democracy
Wattson Plaintiffs’ Approach to Redistricting

Create districts that unite the urbanized populations

Create a core urban district or districts, and then create surrounding districts that consist of areas that are receiving the growing urban population

Create districts that maximize the ability of minority votes to elect representatives of their choice

Unite the populations of American Indian Reservations to provide better opportunities for representation in our legislature

Unify communities along major transportation corridors
## Senate - Minority Opportunity Districts by Region

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Minneapolis / St. Paul Districts
Wattson Plaintiffs


Unites minority communities

Only HD 60B crosses river in Minneapolis

One Minneapolis HD includes territory outside of Minneapolis (HD 44B)
One St. Paul HD includes territory outside of St. Paul (HD 66A)
Hippert Panel


Like the Wattson plan, only HD 60B crosses river in Minneapolis

Like the Wattson plan, only one Minneapolis HD includes territory outside of Minneapolis (HD 63B) only one St. Paul HD includes territory outside of St. Paul (HD 66A)
Anderson Plaintiffs

Includes 10 Opportunity HDs (59A, 59B, 60B, 62A, 62B, 64B, 66A, 66B, and 67A) and 6 Opportunity SDs (59, 60, 62, 64, 66, and 67)

Crosses river in Minneapolis 3 times in HDs and SDs

Divides Cedar Riverside Community into six HDs

Creates extra Opportunity House and Senate District by dividing minority communities
Sachs Plaintiffs


Crosses river in Minneapolis in 3 HDs

Creates extra Opportunity House and Senate District by dividing minority communities
Corrie Plaintiffs

Includes 12 Opportunity HDs (58A, 58B, 60A, 60B, 61A, 61B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 66B, 67A, and 67B) and 7 Opportunity SDs (58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, and 67)
Greater Minnesota Districts
Wattson Plaintiffs
Districts 23 and 24

Includes Dodge and Olmsted Counties

City of Rochester Population – 119,372

SD 23 contains 76,908 people from Rochester

SD 24 contains 44,474 people from Rochester

HD 23A contains 33,699 people from Rochester

HD 23B contains 43,209 people from Rochester

HD 24A contains 41,251 people from Rochester
Hippert Panel
Districts 25 and 26

Included Dodge and Olmsted Counties

Hippert divided Rochester into two equal SDs, with two HDs of approximately 40,000 Rochester residents each and two HDs of approximately 20,000 Rochester residents each.
Anderson Plaintiffs
Districts 25 and 26

Includes parts of Olmsted, Goodhue, Wabasha, and Winona Counties

Chose to include rural territory in Wabasha, Goodhue, and Winona Counties instead of territory immediately adjacent to Rochester in Olmsted and Dodge Counties

Followed the Hippert approach to population distribution among House and Senate Districts
Sachs Plaintiffs

Districts 25 and 26

Includes all of Olmsted and part of Wabasha Counties

Population distribution among HDs falls somewhere between the Anderson and Wattson approaches
Corrie Plaintiffs
Districts 27 and 28

Includes all of Olmsted and parts of Wabasha and Winona

Create three HDs of approximately equal Rochester population similar to the Wattson Plaintiffs
Wattson Plaintiffs
Districts 13 and 14

St. Cloud has population 68,891 – less than ideal population of one SD

Entire City of St. Cloud in SD 14

Split Benton County to unify the Northern suburbs of St. Cloud in the same House and Senate District, including the cities of Sauk Rapids (13,863) and Sartell (19,231)
Hippert Panel
Districts 13 and 14

Entire City of St. Cloud in one SD

Split Benton County to unify the Northern suburbs of St. Cloud in the same House and Senate District, including the cities of Sauk Rapids (13,863) and Sartell (19,231)
Anderson Plaintiffs
Districts 13 and 14

Splits St. Cloud between SD 13 (31,061) and SD 14 (37,830)
Divides Sartell into two HDs
Divides majority of Sartell (HD 14A) and Sauk Rapids (14B) into separate HDs
Sachs Plaintiffs
Districts 13 and 14

Entire city of St. Cloud in SD 14

Split Benton County to unify the Northern suburbs of St. Cloud in the same HD, including the cities of Sauk Rapids and Sartell
Corrie Plaintiffs
Districts 13 and 14

All but 10 St. Cloud residents in SD 14

Split Sauk Rapids into 2 SDs
Hippert Panel

Wattson Plaintiffs

Anderson Plaintiffs

Moorhead
Wattson Plaintiffs
District 7
Wattson Plaintiffs
District 18
Leech Lake American Indian Reservation

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota

Wattson Plaintiffs

Anderson Plaintiffs
Crossing the Mississippi

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota

Wattson Plaintiffs

Anderson Plaintiffs
Example of Precincts
Based on Local Knowledge

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota

Wattson Plaintiffs
Wattson Plaintiffs - Voting Rights of Native American Indians

“Districts shall be drawn to protect the equal opportunity of racial, ethnic, and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice”
Redistricting Principles, p. 6.
Sachs Plaintiffs - Voting Rights of Native American Indians
Corrie Plaintiffs - Voting Rights of Native American Indians

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota
Anderson Plaintiffs - Voting Rights of Native American Indians

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota
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I-35 Corridor and Owatonna, Faribault and Northfield

Wattson Plaintiffs

Anderson Plaintiffs

Sachs Plaintiffs

Corrie Plaintiffs
I-90 Corridor and Albert Lea and Austin

Other Areas of Greater Minnesota

Anderson Plaintiffs

Wattson Plaintiffs
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Wattson Plaintiffs
Bloomington/Richfield/Edina

Unites similar communities of East Bloomington and Richfield

Unites similar communities of West Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Edina

Creates cohesive and compact Opportunity Districts in Bloomington and Richfield (SD 44 and HD 44A and 44B)
**Hippert Panel**

**Bloomington/Richfield/Edina**

United similar communities of East Bloomington and Richfield

United similar communities of West Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Edina

Using 2020 Census data, SD 50 and HD 50A are Opportunity Districts
Corrie Plaintiffs
Bloomington/Richfield/Edina

United similar communities of
East Bloomington and Richfield

United similar communities of
West Bloomington and Edina

SD 63 is not an Opportunity District but does include 1 Opportunity HD (HD 63A)
Sachs Plaintiffs
Bloomington/Richfield/Edina

Divided communities of East Bloomington and Richfield into 3 HDs and 2 SDs

Create a North/South divide in Bloomington that includes 4 HDs and 3 SDs

Inconvenient HD 44A crosses the river, and SD 44 includes West Bloomington, Burnsville, and East Eagan

This sprawling District is not necessary to create an Opportunity District and divides minority communities in Bloomington and those South of the river.
Anderson Plaintiffs
Bloomington/Richfield/Edina

Divides communities of East Bloomington and Richfield

Eliminated Hippert Opportunity SD and includes only 1 Opportunity HD (HD 50B)
Wattson Plaintiffs
South of the River

Only party with Opportunity SD South of the river (SD 54) and 3 Opportunity HDs (HD 52A HD 54A and HD 54B)

Shakopee, Burnsville, Eagan, and Apple Valley each entirely within single SD
Hippert Panel
South of the River

Includes a river District (HD 51A), but by expanding this District into Savage (which had to be split due to population growth), the Wattson Plaintiffs created another Opportunity HD while also eliminating political subdivision splits in Burnsville, Apple Valley and Eagan.
Sachs Plaintiffs
South of the River

No Opportunity SD
South of the river and 2
Opportunity HDs
(HD 45B and HD 55A)

Eagan and Burnsville each
Include 4 HDs and 3 SDs
Anderson Plaintiffs
South of the River

No Opportunity SD South of the river and 2 Opportunity HDs (HD 52A and 56B)
Corrie Plaintiffs
South of the River

No Opportunity SD South of the river and 2 Opportunity HDs (HD 46A and HD 50A)

Splits Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux reservation into 2 SDs and 3 HDs
Southwest Metro

Wattson Plaintiffs

Sachs Plaintiffs

Anderson Plaintiffs

South Metro
Wattson Plaintiffs
Northeast Metro

Includes Opportunity HD 46B

4 HDs and 2 SDs entirely in Northern Ramsey County
**Hippert Panel**
**Northeast Metro**

Includes Opportunity HD 43B

Districts appear to leave Northern Ramsey County when necessary to gain population, but as the Wattson plan demonstrates, this has become less necessary with current population trends.

Like the Wattson Plaintiffs, logically pair Northeast Woodbury, South Oakdale, and South Maplewood into a HD, and pair this HD with an all Woodbury HD.
Northeast Metro

Sachs Plaintiffs

Creates an odd shaped HD 41B to form 2 Opportunity Districts in HD 41B (30.4% Minority VAP) and 39B (31.2% Minority VAP)

Like the Wattson Plaintiffs, keeps Northern Ramsey County cities and towns in 4 HDs

Unnecessarily divides Woodbury into 3 SDs
Anderson Plaintiffs
Northeast Metro

Eliminates only East Metro House Opportunity District that existed in Hippert plan.

HD 41A inexplicably paired with HD 41B to create meandering District

No SD entirely in Northern Ramsey County (Wattson Plaintiffs have 2)

Woodbury split into 3 SDs

Expands already elongated SD 36 to include Taylors Falls to the North and Afton to the South
Northeast Metro

Corrie Plaintiffs

Includes 1 Opportunity HD 41B and 1 Opportunity SD 41

HD 67B includes St. Paul, South Maplewood, Newport, and South St. Paul and pair it with a HD 67A entirely west of the Mississippi River

Pairs White Bear Lake HD 36A with Stillwater
Wattson Plaintiffs

Includes 5 Opportunity HDs (34A, 37A, 37B, 39A and 39B) and 3 Opportunity SDs (34, 37 and 39)

No longer necessary to have North Brooklyn Park HD cross the river due to population gains in the area

All of Plymouth in 1 SD, and like communities of New Hope, Crystal, and Robbinsdale in one SD with part of similar Brooklyn Center and Golden Valley
Hippert Panel

Included 6 Opportunity HDs (36B, 40A, 40B, 41A, 41B, 43B and 45A) and 2 Opportunity SDs (40 and 41)

Like Wattson Plaintiffs, paired Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center

Northwest Metro
Anderson Plaintiffs

Includes 5 Opportunity HDs (38A, 45A, 45B, 38B and 39B) and 3 Opportunity SDs (38, 39 and 45)

Contains noncontiguous HD 37A and SD 37
Keeping Brooklyn Park whole

Should the Panel decide it wants to keep both Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center whole, this is one way it might be done.

This will require a deviation of +1.53% in SD 37.

The ripple effect to the Wattson Plan from these changes ends at Districts 35 and 41.
Sachs Plaintiffs

Includes 7 Opportunity HDs (34B, 37A, 37B, 51A, 51B, 52B and 53A) and 2 Opportunity SDs (37 and 51)
Corrie Plaintiffs

Includes 5 Opportunity HDs (54A, 55B, 56A, 56B and 57A)
and 2 Opportunity SDs (56 and 57)
Wattson Plaintiffs’ Congressional Plan
Corrie Plan

Sachs Plan
THANK YOU