

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Senator Roger D. Moe, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Redistricting of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 8:12 a.m. in room 107 of the State Capitol.

Members present:

Senator Moe, Chair
Senator Belanger
Senator Cohen
Senator Hottinger
Senator Johnson, DH
Senator Kleis
Senator Knutson
Senator Neuville
Senator Orfield
Senator Pogemiller
Senator Rest

Members absent:

Senator Moe noted that there was a quorum present.

Discussion resumed on the A-4 amendment to SF 1326 as was offered by Senator Knutson in a previous meeting.

Senator Pogemiller asked that the committee review an A-13 amendment to SF 1326 in lieu of the A-5 Knutson amendment. (see attached, Document #2).

Senator Knutson withdrew the A-4 amendment (assuming it had been moved in a previous meeting.)

Senator Pogemiller moved to amend SF 1326: the A-13 amendment with the following oral amendment changes:

line 9, delete "The districts"

line 10, delete "should avoid contests between incumbents where that can be done"

line 11, delete "in compliance with the preceding principles."

The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Pogemiller moved to amend SF 1013CE1: the A-5 amendment with the following oral amendment changes: (see attached, Document #4).

line 9, delete "The"

line 10, delete "districts should avoid contests between incumbents where that"

line 11, delete "can be done in compliance with the preceding principles."

The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Neuville moved to amend SF 1326: the A-12 amendment and requested a roll call vote. (see attached, Document #5).

<u>Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Moe, R.D.		X		
Belanger	X			
Cohen		X		
Hottinger		X		
Johnson, D.H.		X		
Kleis	X			
Knutson	X			
Neuville	X			
Orfield		X		

<u>Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Pogemiller		X		
Rest		X		

There being 4 AYES and 7 NAYS the **MOTION FAILED.**

Senator Belanger moved to amend SF 1326: the A-5 amendment. Senator Belanger requested a roll call vote. (see attached, Document #7).

<u>Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Moe, R.D.		X		
Belanger	X			
Cohen		X		
Hottinger		X		
Johnson, D.H.		X		
Kleis	X			
Knutson	X			
Neuville	X			
Orfield		X		
Pogemiller		X		
Rest		X		

There being 4 AYES and 7 NAYS the **MOTION FAILED.**

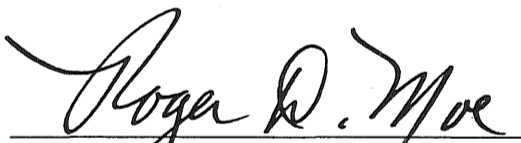
Senator Pogemiller moves to amend SF 1326: the A-14 amendment.(see attached, Document # 9).

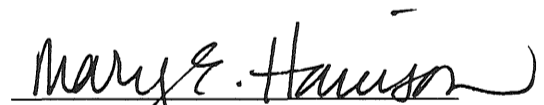
The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Pogemiller moves to amend SF 1013CE1: the A-6 amendment.(see attached, Document # 10).

The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.


 Senator Roger D. Moe, Chairman


 Mary Harrison, Committee Clerk

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Senate

State of Minnesota

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Chair: Roger D. Moe
Thursday, March 15, 2001
8:00 a.m.
Room 107, Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. SF 1013 and SF 1326 - Redistricting principles
- III. Discussion/Subcommittee Action
- IV. Adjournment



Senator Pogemiller introduced--**S.F. No. 1326: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.**

1 A joint resolution
2 relating to redistricting; establishing districting
3 principles for legislative and congressional plans.

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5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of
6 Minnesota that a plan presented to the Senate or House of
7 Representatives for redistricting seats in the Legislature or
8 the United States House of Representatives must adhere to the
9 following principles:

10 (1) [NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.] (a) The Senate must be composed
11 of 67 members. The House of Representatives must be composed of
12 134 members. Each district is entitled to elect a single member.

13 (b) A plan for congressional districts must have eight
14 districts, each entitled to elect a single member.

15 (2) [NESTING.] A representative district may not be divided
16 in the formation of a Senate district.

17 (3) [EQUAL POPULATION.] (a) Legislative districts must be
18 substantially equal in population. The population of a
19 legislative district must not deviate from the ideal by more
20 than two percent, plus or minus.

21 (b) Congressional districts must be as nearly equal in
22 population as practicable.

23 (4) [CONTIGUITY; COMPACTNESS.] The districts must be
24 composed of convenient contiguous territory. To the extent

1 consistent with the other principles in this resolution,
2 districts should be compact. Contiguity by water is sufficient
3 if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel within the
4 district.

5 (5) [NUMBERING.] (a) The legislative districts must be
6 numbered in a regular series, beginning with House district 1A
7 in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across the
8 state from west to east, north to south, but bypassing the
9 seven-county metropolitan area until the southeast corner has
10 been reached; then to the seven-county metropolitan area outside
11 the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; then in Minneapolis and
12 St. Paul.

13 (b) The congressional district numbers must begin with
14 district one in the southeast corner of the state and end with
15 district eight in the northeast corner of the state.

16 (6) [MINORITY REPRESENTATION.] The districts must not
17 dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority
18 populations. Where a concentration of a racial or language
19 minority makes it possible, the districts must increase the
20 probability that members of the minority will be elected.

21 (7) [PRESERVING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.] A county, city, or
22 town must not be divided into more than one district except as
23 necessary to meet equal population requirements or to form
24 districts that are composed of convenient contiguous territory.

25 (8) [COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.] The districts should attempt
26 to preserve communities of interest where that can be done in
27 compliance with the preceding principles. For purposes of this
28 principle, "communities of interest" include, but are not
29 limited to, political subdivisions, neighborhoods, or other
30 geographic areas where there are clearly recognizable
31 similarities of social, political, cultural, ethnic, or economic
32 interests.

33 (9) [POLITICAL COMPETITIVENESS.] The districts should be
34 politically competitive, where that can be done in compliance
35 with the preceding principles. Where a concentration of
36 third-party supporters makes it possible, a district should

1 increase the probability that the candidate of a third party
2 will be elected.

3 (10) [DATA TO BE USED.] The geographic areas and population
4 counts used in maps, tables, and legal descriptions of the
5 districts must be those used by the Geographic Information
6 Systems Office of the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The
7 population counts will be the block population counts provided
8 under Public Law Number 94-171, subject to correction of any
9 errors acknowledged by the United States Census Bureau.

10 (11) [DATA READY; PLANS POSTED.] The director of Geographic
11 Information Systems shall notify the President of the Senate and
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the necessary
13 census data has been received from the United States Census
14 Bureau, loaded into the Legislature's computerized redistricting
15 system, and verified as ready for use in redistricting. A
16 redistricting plan must not be considered for adoption by the
17 Senate or House of Representatives until:

18 (a) the notice has been given;

19 (b) a block equivalency file showing the district to which
20 each census block has been assigned, in a form prescribed by the
21 director of Geographic Information Systems, has been filed with
22 the director; and

23 (c) a copy of the plan has been posted on the Web site of
24 the Geographic Information Systems Office.

1 Senator *Pogemiller* moves to amend S.F. No. 1326 as follows:

2 Page 2, delete lines 33 to 36

3 Page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert:

4 "(9) [POLITICAL COMPETITIVENESS.] The districts should be
5 politically competitive, where that can be done in compliance
6 with the preceding principles. The districts must not be
7 created to unduly favor any political party.

8 (10) [INCUMBENTS.] The districts must not be drawn for the
9 purpose of protecting or defeating an incumbent. ~~The districts
10 should avoid contests between incumbents where that can be done
11 in compliance with the preceding principles."~~

12 Page 3, line 3, delete "(10)" and insert "(11)"

13 Page 3, line 10, delete "(11)" and insert "(12)"

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to redistricting; establishing districting
3 principles for legislative and congressional plans;
4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
5 chapter 2.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

7 Section 1. [2.025] [DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES.]

8 Subdivision 1. [APPLICATION.] The principles in this
9 section apply to legislative and congressional districts that
10 are based on the 2000 census.

11 Subd. 2. [EQUAL POPULATION.] (a) Legislative districts
12 must be substantially equal in population. The population of a
13 legislative district must not deviate from the ideal by more
14 than two percent, plus or minus.

15 (b) Congressional districts must be as nearly equal in
16 population as practicable.

17 Subd. 3. [CONTIGUITY; COMPACTNESS.] The districts must be
18 composed of convenient contiguous territory. To the extent
19 consistent with the other principles in this section, districts
20 should be compact. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the
21 water is not a serious obstacle to travel within the district.

22 Subd. 4. [NUMBERING.] (a) The legislative districts must
23 be numbered in a regular series, beginning with house district
24 1A in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across
25 the state from west to east, north to south, but bypassing the
26 seven-county metropolitan area until the southeast corner has
27 been reached; then to the seven-county metropolitan area outside
28 the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; then in Minneapolis and
29 St. Paul.

30 (b) The congressional district numbers must begin with
31 district one in the southeast corner of the state and end with
32 district eight in the northeast corner of the state.

33 Subd. 5. [MINORITY REPRESENTATION.] The districts must not
34 dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority
35 populations. Where a concentration of a racial or language
36 minority makes it possible, the districts must increase the
37 probability that members of the minority will be elected.

1 Subd. 6. [PRESERVING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.] A county,
2 city, or town must not be divided into more than one district
3 except as necessary to meet equal-population requirements or to
4 form districts that are composed of convenient contiguous
5 territory.

6 Subd. 7. [COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.] The districts should
7 attempt to preserve communities of interest where that can be
8 done in compliance with the preceding principles. For purposes
9 of this principle, "communities of interest" include, but are
10 not limited to, political subdivisions, neighborhoods, or other
11 geographic areas where there are clearly recognizable
12 similarities of social, political, cultural, ethnic, or economic
13 interests.

14 Subd. 8. [POLITICAL COMPETITIVENESS.] The districts should
15 be politically competitive, where that can be done in compliance
16 with the preceding principles. Where a concentration of third
17 party supporters makes it possible, a district should increase
18 the probability that the candidate of a third party will be
19 elected.

20 Subd. 9. [DATA TO BE USED.] The geographic areas and
21 population counts used in maps, tables, and legal descriptions
22 of the districts must be those used by the geographic
23 information systems office of the legislative coordinating
24 commission. The population counts will be the block population
25 counts provided under Public Law Number 94-171, subject to
26 correction of any errors acknowledged by the United States
27 Census Bureau.

28 Subd. 10. [DATA READY; PLANS POSTED.] The director of
29 geographic information systems shall notify the president of the
30 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives when the
31 necessary census data has been received from the United States
32 Census Bureau, loaded into the legislature's computerized
33 redistricting system, and verified as ready for use in
34 redistricting. A redistricting plan must not be considered for
35 adoption by the senate or house of representatives until:

36 (1) the notice has been given;

1 (2) a block equivalency file showing the district to which
2 each census block has been assigned, in a form prescribed by the
3 director of geographic information systems, has been filed with
4 the director; and

5 (3) a copy of the plan has been posted on the Web site of
6 the geographic information systems office.

7 Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

8 This act is effective the day following final enactment.

03/14/01 POGEMILLER

[COUNSEL] PSW

SCS1013A-5

1 Senator *Pogemiller* moves to amend the committee engrossment
2 (SS1013CE1) of S.F. No. 1013 as follows:

3 Page 2, delete lines 14 to 19 and insert:

4 "Subd. 8. [POLITICAL COMPETITIVENESS.] The districts
5 should be politically competitive, where that can be done in
6 compliance with the preceding principles. The districts must
7 not be created to unduly favor any political party.

8 Subd. 9. [INCUMBENTS.] The districts must not be drawn for
9 the purpose of protecting or defeating an incumbent. ~~The~~
10 ~~districts should avoid contests between incumbents where that~~
11 ~~can be done in compliance with the preceding principles."~~

12 Page 2, line 20, delete "9" and insert "10"

13 Page 2, line 28, delete "10" and insert "11"

03/14/01

Neurville

[COUNSEL] KP

SCS1326A12

1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 1326 as follows:

2 Page 1, line 20, after the period, insert "The mean

3 deviation from the ideal for all legislative districts in the

4 state must not be greater than one percent."

ROLL CALL VOTE

RULES & ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

BILL SF1324 A-12 Amendment

REQUESTED BY Sen. Neville

	AYE	NAY	PASS	ABSENT
Belanger	✓	—	—	—
Cohen	—	✓	—	—
Hottinger	—	✓	—	—
Johnson, DH	—	✓	—	—
Kleis	✓	—	—	—
Knutson	✓	—	—	—
Neville	✓	—	—	—
Orfield	—	✓	—	—
Pogemiller	—	✓	—	—
Rest	—	✓	—	—
① Moe	—	✓	—	—
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Belanger

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1 Senator ~~.....~~ moves to amend S.F. No. 1326 as follows:

2 Page 2, delete lines 21 to 24

3 Page 2, line 25, delete "(8)" and insert "(7)" and before
4 "The" insert "(a)"

5 Page 2, line 26, delete everything after "interest"

6 Page 2, line 27, delete everything before the period

7 Page 2, after line 32, insert:

8 "(b) Political subdivisions are communities of interest,
9 provided that they may be given no greater weight than other
10 identifiable communities of interest. Political subdivisions
11 may be given greater weight than other communities of interest
12 if it is a requirement of federal law."

13 Page 2, line 33, delete "(9)" and insert "(8)"

14 Page 3, line 3, delete "(10)" and insert "(9)"

15 Page 3, line 10, delete "(11)" and insert "(10)"

ROLL CALL VOTE

RULES & ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

BILL SF 1320 A-5 amd

REQUESTED BY Sen Belanger

	AYE	NAY	PASS	ABSENT
Belanger	✓	—	—	—
Cohen	—	✓	—	—
Hottinger	—	✓	—	—
Johnson, DH	—	✓	—	—
Kleis	✓	—	—	—
Knutson	✓	—	—	—
Neuville	✓	—	—	—
Orfield	—	✓	—	—
Pogemiller	—	✓	—	—
Rest	—	✓	—	—
① Moe	—	✓	—	—
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Pogemiller

- 1 Senator *Pogemiller* moves to amend S.F. No. 1326 as follows:
- 2 Page 1, lines 6 and 7, delete "presented to the Senate or
- 3 House of Representatives"

POGEMILLER

1 Senator .. moves to amend the committee engrossment
2 (SS1013CE1) of S.F. No. 1013 as follows:

3 Page 1, lines 9 and 10, delete "that are based on the 2000
4 census"