

2025 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 2338

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2338
2/13/2025

Relating to legislative districts; and to provide for application.
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10:45 a.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Pearce County
- Benson County
- Reservations not affected

10:45 a.m. Senator Klein, District 14, introduced the bill and submitted testimony #37629

10:54 a.m. Representative Nelson, District 14, testified in favor.

11:00 a.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk



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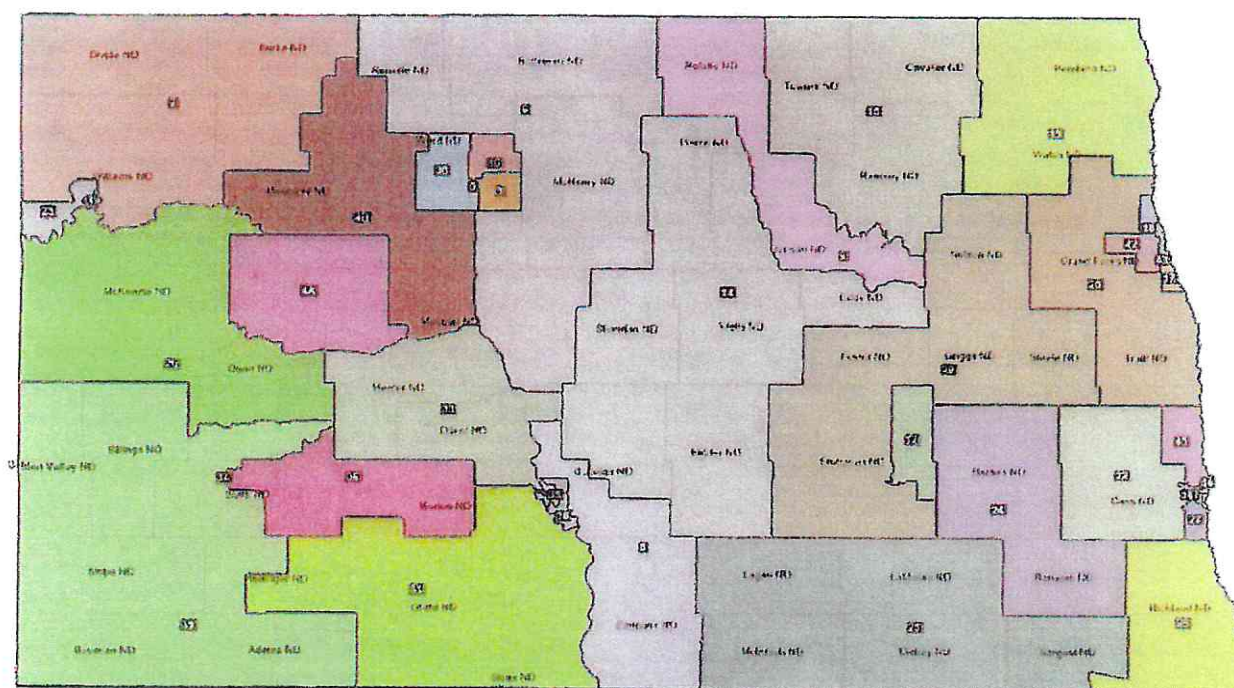
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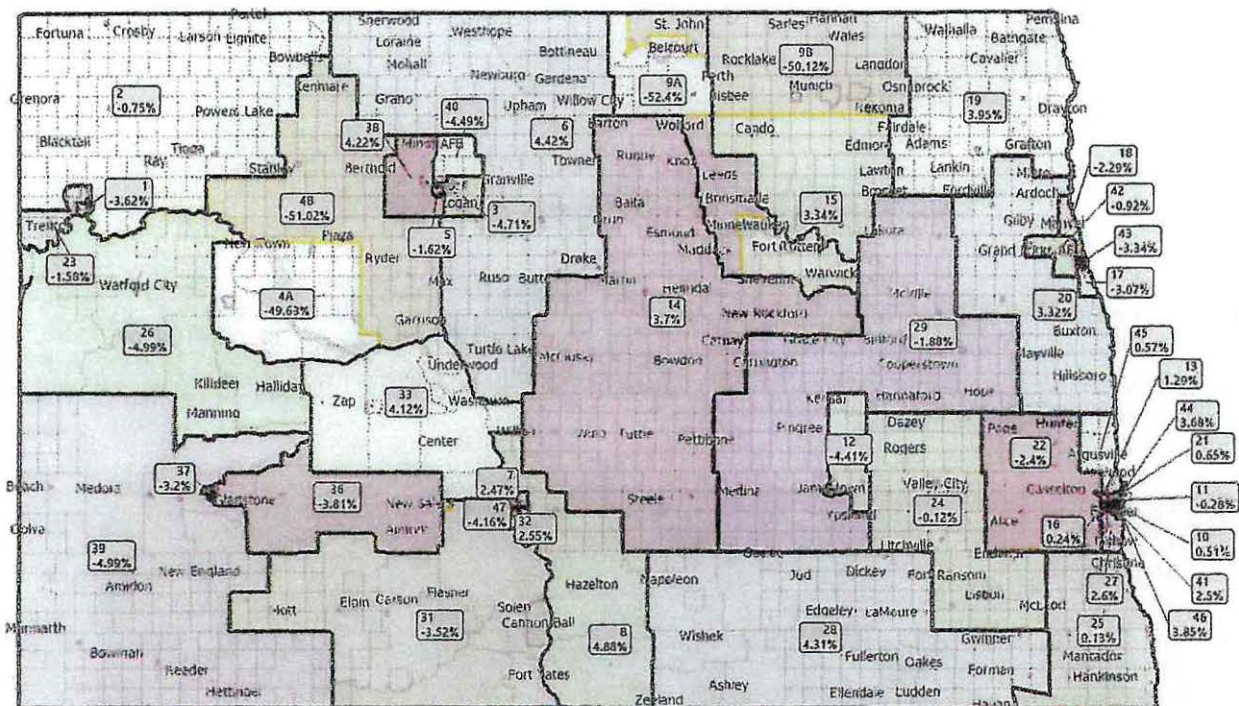
December 2023

PLAINTIFF'S PROPOSED MAP #2

In support of the plaintiff's Section 2 claim in *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, et al. v. Howe*, CV 3:22-cv-00022-PDW-ARS, the Tribes produced two proposed plans containing alternative district configurations that demonstrate the Native American population in northeast North Dakota is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute an effective majority in a single multimember district. This is the second proposed plan:



In the map below, the boundaries of the Plaintiff's Map #2 are depicted in black, and the existing district boundaries are in yellow. The compactness (appendix) of Plaintiff's Map #2 meets the standards used by the committee when drawing the existing district map.



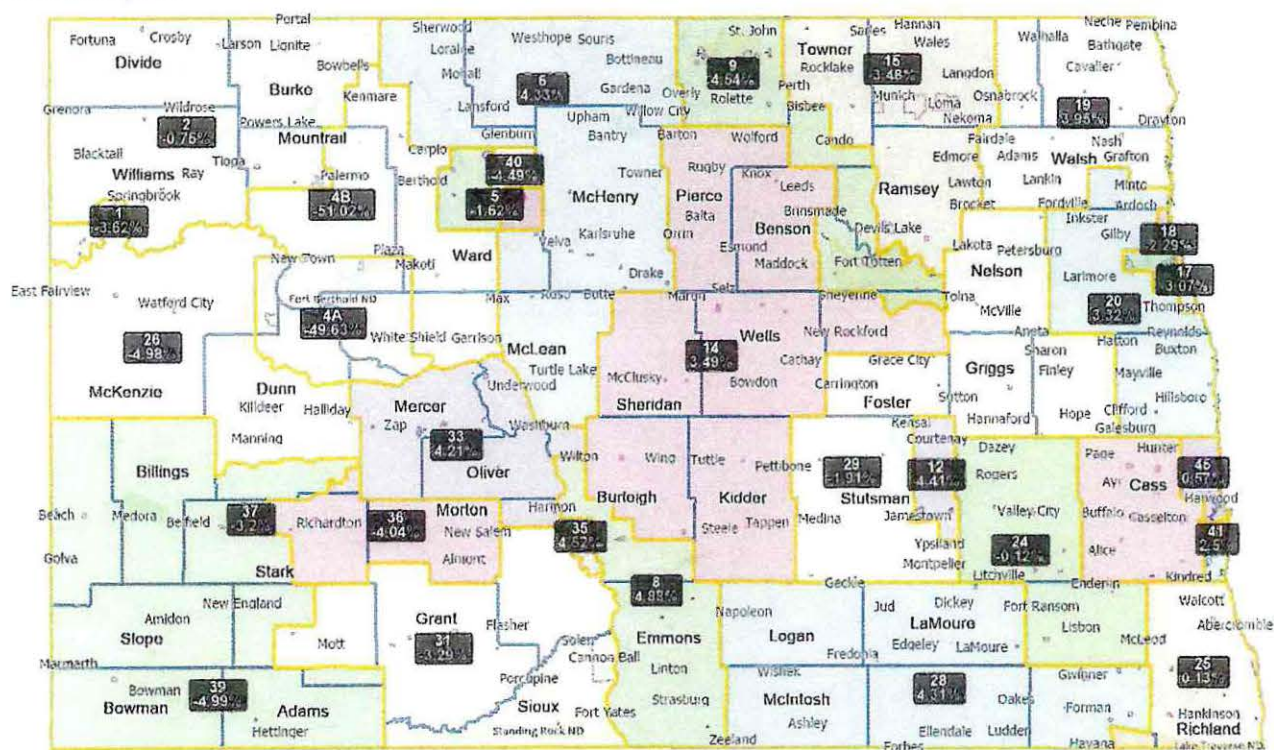


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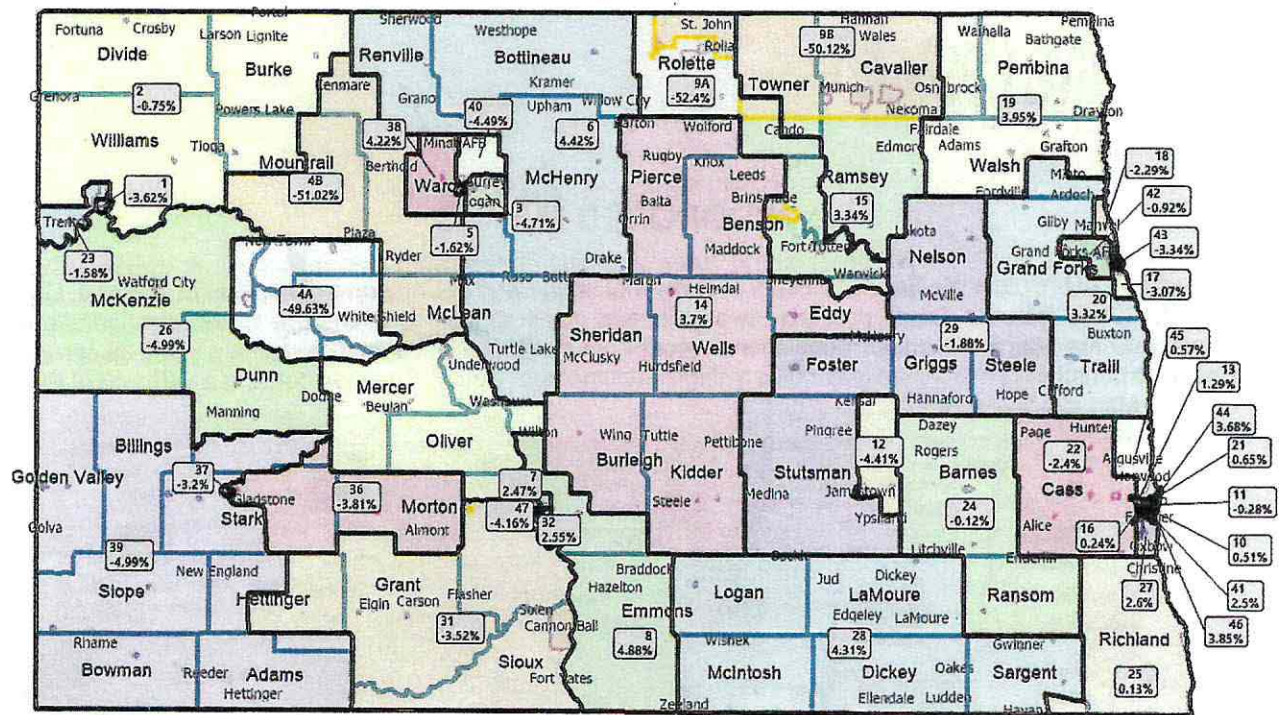
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PROPOSED MAP #3

In support of the plaintiff's Section 2 claim in *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, et al. v. Howe*, CV 3:22-cv-00022-PDW-ARS, the Tribes produced two proposed plans containing alternative district configurations that demonstrate the Native American population in northeast North Dakota is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute an effective majority in a single multimember district. The map below is a variation of Plaintiff's Proposed Map #2.



In the map below, the boundaries of Proposed Map #3 are depicted in black, and the existing district boundaries are in yellow. The compactness ([appendix](#)) of Proposed Map #3 meets the standards used by the committee when drawing the existing district map.



ATTACH:1

COMPARISON OF PROPOSED MAPS

Plaintiff's Map #1	Plaintiff's Map #2	Proposed Map #3	Proposed Map #4
<p>Native American Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District 9 (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68.81% District 9 (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63.53% 	<p>Native American Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District 9 (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72.01% District 9 (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66.04% 	<p>Native American Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District 9 (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72.05% District 9 (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66.1% 	<p>Native American Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District 9 (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53.93% District 9 (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33.66% District 15A (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44.16% District 15A (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24.51% District 15B (total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.88% District 15B (age 18+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.31%
<p>District 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 17,102 Deviation: 3.17% 	<p>District 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 17,339 Deviation: 4.6% 	<p>District 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 17,328 Deviation: 4.54% 	<p>District 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 17,344 Deviation: 4.63% <p>District 15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 16,997 <p>District 15A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8528 Deviation: -48.55% <p>District 15B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total population: 8469 Deviation: -48.91%
<p>Political Subdivisions Impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Split: Rolette, Pierce, Ramsey, Cavalier (same as currently split), Eddy Does not include Rolla 	<p>Political Subdivisions Impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Split: Pierce, Benson, Eddy, (Cavalier is split, but it stays the same as it is in the current map) 	<p>Political Subdivisions Impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Split: Benson, Eddy, Towner, Ramsey, (Cavalier is split, but it stays the same as it is in the current map) 	<p>Political Subdivisions Impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Split: Bottineau, Towner, Ramsey, Benson, Eddy, Cavalier (same as current plan), Benson, Eddy Splits Devils Lake
<p>Districts impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9, 14, 15, and 29 	<p>Districts impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9, 14, and 15 	<p>Districts impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 and 15 	<p>Districts Impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9, 6, and 15

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State and Local Government Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

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2/20/2025

Relating to legislative districts; and to provide for application.
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4:08 p.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Reservations and legislative districts

4:08 p.m. Senator Walen and Senator Braunberger discussed tribal lawsuit.

4:10 p.m. Senator Braunberger moved Do Pass.

4:10 p.m. Senator Walen seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Chuck Walen	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

Senator Roers will carry the bill.

4:12 p.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2338 ([25.1124.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2338 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

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3/20/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-01.14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative districts; and to provide for application.

8:59 a.m. Vice-Chairman Fegley called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Vice-Chairman Fegley, Vice-Chairman Jonas, Representatives Bolinske, Hager, Hatlestad, Heilman, Klemin, Motschenbacher, Ostlie, Toman

Members Absent: Chairman Longmuir, Representatives Davis, Warrey

Discussion Topics:

- Fiscal impact of the bill
- Committee action

9:01 a.m. Senator Jerry Klein, North Dakota Senator for District 14, introduced the bill.

9:06 a.m. Representative Motschenbacher moved a Do Not Pass.

9:06 a.m. Representative Heilman seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	A
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	A
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick R. Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matthew Heilman	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	A

9:08 a.m. Motion passed 10-0-3.

9:08 a.m. Unanimous decision to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

9:08 a.m. Representative Heilman will carry the bill.

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9:08 a.m. Vice-Chairman Fegley closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2338 ([25.1124.01000](#))

Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2338 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.