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To those who are involved in redistricting:

Inasmuch as citizen input has been invited into the redistricting process I submit my two-bits worth:

From one source I learned of the assumption by some that the redistricting process would begin by the division of the state into four United States Congressional Districts and that other redistricting would follow. It seems to me that such a sequence invites mischief.

I would begin with the State Senate determining the number of senate seats appropriate for the expeditious conduct of its business. I believe that 29 is larger than necessary and that a number between 15 and 25 would be preferable. For an example I will assume 17.

I would then have the House of Representatives consider three times the number of senate seats as the number of house seats. In my example there would be  $3 \times 17 = 51$  house seats.

I would then set the number of members of the Board of Education to be the same as the number of Senate seats. Thus, in my example the number would be 17.

I would charge the State House of Representatives, exclusively, with dividing the population of the state into cells of equal population the total number cells being devisable by the number of seats selected for each body with the four United States House seats counted as one body. In the example, the number of cells would be  $4 \times 51 = 204$ . That is, 204 can be divided by each of the whole numbers 4, 17, 17 and 51.

I would then charge the State House of Representatives, exclusively, with assembling House Districts with each containing four contiguous cells. I believe the House would be the political body least likely to indulge in mischief because each member's first concern would be the four cells contained within his or her House District.

I would then charge the Senate, exclusively, with determining which three contiguous House districts would be contained within each Senate District. The same determination would apply to School Board Districts.

The allocation of the four United States House of Representative seats is not resolved as cleanly, but the problem is lessened by the fact that each Utah State House district contains 4 population cells.

Yours truly,

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