

# UTAH REDISTRICTING/REAPPORTIONMENT NEWS

## 1981, 1991, 2001

- 1981** • Utah Gets A 3rd Congressional Seat - How Will The State Be Divided?
  - Utah House of Representatives Easier To Redistrict If Size Dropped to 69
  - How Will Salt Lake County Be Divided To Add A New Congressional Seat  
District Goal - 487,000; SL County currently - 619,000
  - Redistricting/Reapportionment Not Republican And Democrat Issue: Rural vs. Urban
  - Battle Between Matheson And Legislature: Matheson Creates Governor's Commission
  - Some Inner City Districts Are Smaller, Some Larger: Salt Lake City And Sandy
  - Computers Give Legislative Committee Advantage Over Governor's Commission
  - Eleven Member School District Board Too Big, Efficiency Decline, Nine Is Right Size
  - Rural Republicans And Democrats Band Together To Vote Against Republican Plan
  - Gerrymandering Charged, Lawsuits Considered
  - Governor Vetoes Redistricting/Reapportionment Bill, Legislature Considers Override
  - Legislature Overrides Governor, Plan Adopted.

### **Legislation:**

#### **PASSED**

SB 6, Reapportionment of State Senate Districts  
SB 7, State Board of Education Reapportionment  
HB 4, Reapportionment of House Districts  
HB 5, Reapportionment of State Congressional Districts  
HB 11, Technical Amendments to Congress, Senate, & Bd of Education Reapportionment Acts  
HB 15, Amendments to Reapportionment of House Districts

#### **VETOED**

SB 3, Election District Changes  
HB 4, Reapportionment of House Districts

#### **VETO OVERRIDE**

HB 4, Reapportionment of House Districts

## **1991**

- How Should Salt Lake County Be Divided For Congressional Seats? (1st Dist. has 62,000 more than 2nd; 3rd Dist. has 90,000 more than 2nd)
- Utah Population Grew By 17.9%, Dramatic Shifts Likely
- Senate Districts Have Grown More Than House Districts
- School Board Districts Should Be Expanded: 13 Or 15?
- Redistricting Should Be Bipartisan Effort
- Preservation Of County And Municipal Boundaries Critical Issue.
- Do Not Redistrict For Political Reasons, Use Population As Basis
- Congressional Plan Keeps 2nd District Inside Salt Lake County
- Utah County Republicans And Democrats Join To Defeat Plan
- Women And Minority Groups Ask Legislature To Respect Their Needs
- Republicans Vote For Compromise Plan From Utah County, Rural Utahns, And Democrats. Final Comprise Plan Very Close To Original Democrat Plan.
- Salt Lake County Split 3 Ways In Congressional Plan.
- Legislature Adopts Plan

### **Legislation:**

#### **PASSED**

SB 1, Senate Districts

SB 2, Congressional Districts

HB 1, House of Representative Districts

HB 2, State Board of Education Districts

## **2001**

- \_\_\_\_\_ • Utah Hits Snag In Attempt To Gain Additional Congressional Seat
  - Census Challenge On Fast Track
  - Republicans Ready To Draw Districts
  - GOP Develops Strategies To Increase Republican Officeholders
  - Utah's Dixie May See A Senator From Cedar City & St. George
  - Utah Amends Suit To Include Sampling Issue
  - Redistricting Games: Partisan Rhetoric, Appearance, Principles
  - Northern Utah Concerned About Losing Legislators
  - Redistricting Committee Considers Number Of House Seats, Want Two Congressional Plans
  - Utah's Only Urban District At Risk
  - Utah's Congressional Districts Should Represent All Of Utah
  - Court Establishes Redistricting Rules
  - Concern Raised Over How Salt Lake County To Be Divided