



**First Meeting**  
**2011 Interim**  
**March 28, 2011**

**Room 413**  
**State Capitol Building**  
**Pierre, South Dakota**

### **Monday, March 28, 2011**

The first meeting of the Legislative Redistricting Committee was called to order by the Representative Val Rausch, at 8:00 a.m. (CDT) in Room 413 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Representatives Jim Bolin, Mitch Fargen, Brian Gosch, Kent Juhnke, Mark Kirkeby, David Lust, Val Rausch, and Susan Wismer; and Senators Jim Bradford, Joni Cutler, Russell Olson, Deb Peters, Larry Rhoden, and Todd Schlekeway. Senator Corey Brown was excused.

Staff members present included Jim Fry, Director; Dave Ortbahn, Principal Research Analyst; and Lisa Shafer, Legislative Secretary.

(NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting are attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council (LRC). This meeting was web cast live. The archived web cast is available at the LRC web site at <http://legis.state.sd.us> under "Interim Information – Current Interim – Minutes and Agendas.")

### **Election of Co-Chairs**

**REPRESENTATIVE JUHNKE MOVED, SECONDED BY SENATOR PETERS, THAT REPRESENTATIVE VAL RAUSCH AND SENATOR RUSSELL OLSON BE ELECTED AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.**

### **Future Meetings**

**Mr. Jim Fry**, Director of the Legislative Research Council, explained that the 2001 committee scheduled four meetings with two of the meetings held on reservations but that this committee can determine the number of meetings needed to accomplish the study.

**Representative Rausch** stated that he would like the committee to have one meeting in June, July, August, and September. The meeting in June to be held in Pierre, then the committee will travel to hold meetings in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and reservation communities

The committee discussed potential meetings dates for June. It was determined that committee members will submit dates of unavailability to the Legislative Research Council (LRC). The committee will determine future meeting dates at the June meeting.

### **Discussion of Meeting Material**

**Representative Bolin** stated that the American Fact Finder on [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) has South Dakota census information.

In response to **Senator Peters'** question, Representative Rausch said that leadership was mailed census information from the census bureau. The information will be provided to committee members.

Mr. Fry said that the LRC staff is compiling data from the Census Bureau and will be able to provide the committee meaningful census data about South Dakota in about two to three weeks.

### **Public Testimony**

**Mr. Bill Thompson**, Sioux Falls, encouraged the committee to take public testimony throughout the process. He asked about the committee membership selection and public access to committee information.

**Ms. Julie Johnson**, Absolutely Aberdeen, stated that the city of Aberdeen would like some involvement in how the district lines are drawn for the Aberdeen area. She noted that the population for the city of Aberdeen is now the preferred size of a district.

Representative Rausch responded to Mr. Thompson's question stating that the committee membership was appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House after discussion with the majority and minority leadership. The appointments were then voted by the legislature.

### **Staff Direction**

**Senator Olson** asked if it will be feasible and possible to record the committee meetings at on-site locations. Mr. Fry responded that the meetings can be recorded with a cassette. Staff can contact South Dakota Public Broadcasting to see if a digital recorder or other recording device that can place the audio on the website is available.

**Senator Bradford** and **Representative Juhnke** requested hard copies of meeting material.

Representative Juhnke stated that the committee may need to repeal the previous statute pertaining to redistricting.

### **Adjourn**

**SENATOR OLSON MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUHNKE, TO ADJOURN. The motion prevailed unanimously on a voice vote.**

The committee adjourned at 9:03 a.m.



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