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Message:
I must question the authority of the Legislature to apportion in Special Session.

Art 3, Sec 28, TX Constitution requires it to be done in the first regular session after publication of the decennial census data. Litigation is pending on this point. Numerous unfortunate consequences may stem from this attempt at apportionment. A Constitutional Amendment to remedy this issue is in order. In Mauzy v LRB (1971) the court explicitly did not rule on whether apportionment could be accomplished in Special Session, in effect inviting the Legislature to address the matter, which does not appear to have occurred. The language of Art 3, Sec 28 is unambiguous.

Respectfully submitted,

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