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Message:

Redistricting after each Census is one of the most important tasks of our Legislature. The resulting map has to consider the population, its breakdown and the needs and concerns of the people throughout our state. Each district should be cohesive and fairly compact to allow elections to be handled efficiently and the people of that district to have more concerns in common than not. It is not in the best interest of our State to run long, disjointed lines for districts for the purpose of benefitting one political party over another.

This year, the information needed from the Census Bureau to evaluate district lines was not received in time for the Regular Session to handle the process. Therefore, according to our State Constitution, the LRB has taken on the job of redistricting. I consider the process too important to be rushed, and having it all done by only those five individuals on the LRB limits input by all concerned. After reviewing the proposed maps there is a definite increase in favor of one party over another since the last district maps were drawn. At the very least there should be a consistent number of districts per political party from one map to the next to better serve Texans with fair elections and representation. Therefore, I strongly urge the LRB to withhold approval of the maps until a more fair and equitable result is achieved.

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