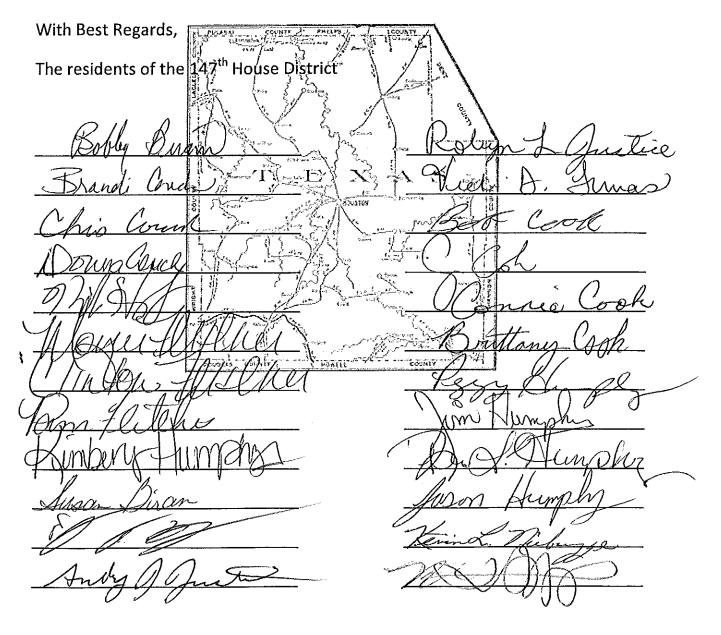
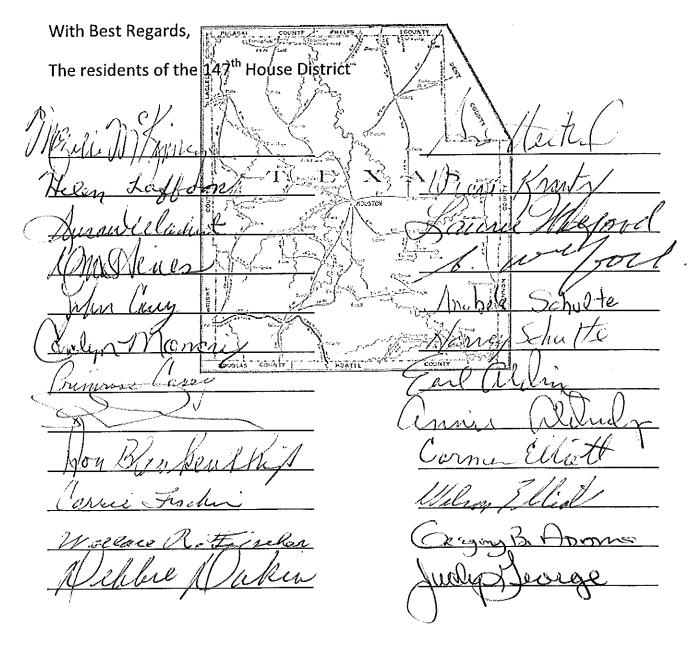
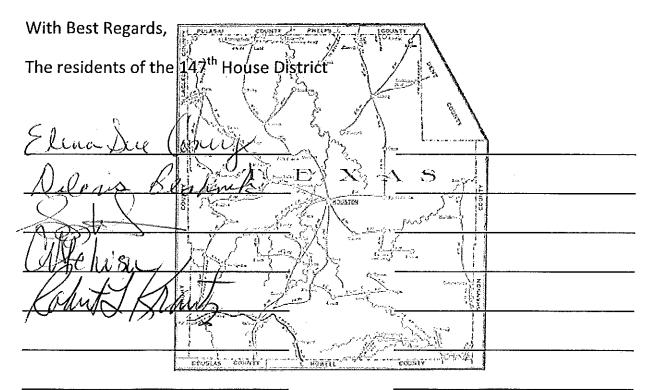
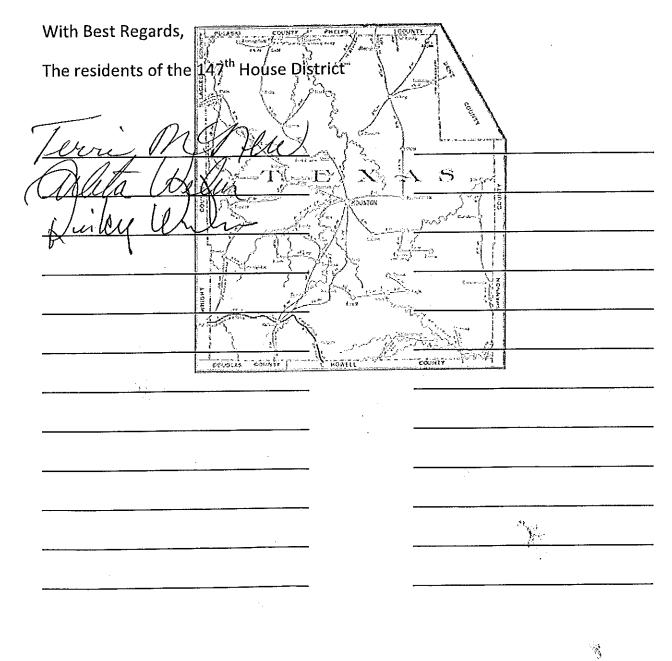
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Mr. Chairman and honorable Commissioners of the Missouri House Redistricting Committee,

As a resident of Texas County and the 147<sup>th</sup> House district I have some concerns that I wish for you to consider as you carry out your duties in relation to the redistricting process.

Firstly, breaking up Texas County in any fashion resembling the first map we saw splashed across our newspapers would be a great injustice to our residents. It would effectively triple the cost and workload of our county commissioner and staff by forcing us to build and tally multiple ballots for elections. Our county budget is strained already and it would not be fair to our residents to heap this increased cost on them.

Secondly, our district is one of the few in Missouri that is currently drawn in such a fashion that lets the Representative from the 147<sup>th</sup> serve one tight, similar group. We are a very rural area with rural communities, lots of agricultural production, and our towns and businesses are very much geared for this demographic. We proudly do our shopping, buy our insurance, and do our banking in Licking, Houston, and Cabool. Even as physically large as our district is, a cross section of the North part of the district would look perfectly typical to a cross section of the Southern portion. Sharing representation with larger urban areas like Lebanon or Rolla would drastically alter demographic of the 147<sup>th</sup> and hinder a Representative's ability to serve us.

I am aware of the fact that we need to shed just over 2,000 people to meet the constitutional requirements, and a number of us have discussed and are proposing this solution: There is a portion of Phelps County at the North and East boundary of the 147<sup>th</sup>, immediately adjacent to the city of Rolla. That is probably the only part of the 147<sup>th</sup> that has a more urban culture than the rest of the district and would probably be better served if it were districted in with Rolla itself. If that boundary were moved south to the Texas County line it would help get the district down to its correct population and still keep the district compact and contiguous.

I also recognize the fact that the 148<sup>th</sup> to our North has significant population to shed and I'd like to offer a word of practicality to be considered. The 147<sup>th</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> now split Fort. Leonard Wood and that is a logistically necessary situation. Access to and across the Fort is limited if a State Representative is forced to cover both North and South of it, driving around the Fort and back is easily an extra 60 miles of unnecessary travel. The Waynesville/St. Robert areas truly need to stay separated from the communities to the South of Ft. Wood.

In closing I would like to respectfully ask the commissioners to keep in mind the Constitutional mandates to keep the districts compact and contiguous, which is precisely what the 147<sup>th</sup> is now. I would also point out the directive for the commission to avoid "gerrymandering" which is precisely what any partisan haggling of lines to make races "more competitive" amounts to.

With Best Regards,

Don Bordwell, Resident of Texas County



St. Clair County Farm Bureau PO Box 506, Osceola, MO 64776

(417) 646-2622

May 20, 2011

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the over 1,000 St. Clair County Farm Bureau members, I would like to express some concerns about possible changes in the House Plan by the Missouri redistricting plan.

Concern #1 would be dividing the county. St. Clair County is a small county in population and wealth. To have fair representation for our area, we feel the need to stay together is extremely obvious for these reasons.

Concern #2 would be to be included with another county of similar agricultural interests because that by far is our biggest industry. Our suggestions would be Henry or Bates County.

We know your goals are to do the best for the people of Missouri. We feel and hope that these concerns that are now brought to your attention can help you reach your goal. We really thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Noakes

Gary L. Noakes St.Clair County Farm Bureau President 3170 NW Hwy A Lowry City, MO 64763 May 3, 2011

Thomas Wilsdon 2027 Sandfield Drive St. Louis, 63146

Dear Thomas:

**RE:** House Redistricting Lines

The present boundaries of the 8<sup>th</sup> District are three contiguous counties situated on Highway 36. Because the three counties share this natural southern boundary they have bonded together for economic development and actually approved a four county sales tax to pay for one half of the cost for the development of four lanes from Hannibal to Macon.

The three counties share the jurisdiction in many other forms of government and to shred their bonds for the pleasure of certain State Representatives is a disgraceful act.

I urge you to consider leaving intact the counties of Linn, Shelby and Macon for the very reasons that should always apply which is the welfare of the people.

Thank You,

Tom Shively

Tom Shively State Representative, 8<sup>th</sup> District

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION

Leroy Strope North Commissioner

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Robert Salmon Presiding Commissioner Marian McCaslin, Administrative Assisstant Gerald Williams South Commissioner

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Telephone 417-646-8003

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May 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

As Commissioners of St. Clair County we would like to state that we are opposed to the redistricting due to the fact that we are a small rural county and this redistricting would possibly affect us economically. Also we feel that our overall representation would be more beneficial to our citizens if we remain as one district.

Please take these issues into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you!

Robert Salmon, Presiding Commissioner

Strope North Commissioner

Gerald Williams, South Commissioner

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY CLERK

Holly Fletcher Marian McCaslin Peggy Snodgrass

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Debbie Peden P.O. Box 525 Osceola, Mo. 64776 Telephone 417-646-2315 Fax 417-646-8080

May 23, 2011

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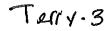
As County Clerk of St. Clair County I would like to state that I am opposed to the redistricting of St. Clair County because of the financial effect it would impose when it comes to the elections. Redistricting would create more ballot styles in our county which gets very costly. Also, simply put, I think our county would benefit more by having the same person representing the entire county.

I sincerely hope that you will give consideration to leaving our county as it is rather than splitting into two districts as we do not see the advantage of this.

Thank you for your time.

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Debbie Peden St. Clair County Clerk



Osceola, MO

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that a re-districting plan exists that would effectively divide St. Clair County into two legislative districts.

In 1981-1982, St Clair County was divided into three legislative districts: The 117<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup> and the 134<sup>th</sup>. Our county was singularly ill-represented as the three representatives did not seem to be agreement about the resolution of questionable legislation and the potential negative impact it could have on the residents of the entire county.

Although St. Clair County cannot be considered wealthy and is considered to be an insignificant – "outstate" county, the population deserves representation that focuses upon the needs of his/her constituency and someone who is willing to concentrate on them.

In short, the plan to divide St. Clair County into two legislative districts can only be to "balance" a population needed to satisfy another, more desirable (?) district.

This plan is ill considered and should be discarded.

If you will take the time to review the legislative districts of 1981-82, you will find many of them representing parts of counties. That did not work well then and would not work well now.

Please discount this proposal and leave St. Clair County as a legislative entity.

hnow Catherine D. Johnson

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE ABOVE STATE AND COUNTY THIS 13th DAY OF MAY ; 2011.

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4-23-15

KAY ROBERTS Notary Public-Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Commissioned for St. Clair County My Commission Expires: Apr. 23, 2015 ID # 11453567

#### STATEMENT OPPOSING SPLITTING ST. CLAIR COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSE REDISTRICTING

We are all aware that redistricting is a messy and difficult process. We understand that in order to reflect the ongoing changes in our state, existing districts must change. We are not proposing that the 119<sup>th</sup> House District remain intact (although we are not opposed to that either). But we are all, Republican and Democrat, adamantly against splitting St. Clair County into different House districts.

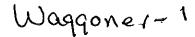
No county wants to be divided into multiple House districts. Many of the resulting problems would be common to all counties. Multiple state representatives mean more work for county officials, as they will have to deal with additional legislators and staff. Constituents will be confused. Getting things done will be harder.

Most importantly, however, splitting the county dilutes the voting power of the citizens of St. Clair County. This is an incontrovertible fact. Electoral politics is about numbers, and the smaller the group, the less electoral influence the group has and the less that group can affect policy and political decisions.

St. Clair County is small. It is also poor. According to the 2010 Census, we have a total population of 9,805. We are the 92nd largest county (out of 114). According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income in St. Clair County is \$31,312, which is less than 67% of the state's median household income of \$46,847. As of 2008, 21.6% of the county's population lived below poverty (as opposed to 13.5% statewide). A recent study ranked St. Clair as only the 98<sup>th</sup> healthiest county in the state. We rank near the bottom in many different measures of

material well being. This litany is not a complaint. These are simply facts. We are a county full of proud, hard working citizens, but we also have more than our fair share of challenges. Trying to address them with the limited resources available to us takes an incredible effort. We make that effort and we keep working, but we know that dividing the county will make our task even more difficult.

Fairness and equity have to be foremost in your mind as you pursue redistricting. Splitting a county as small as St. Clair County into smaller pieces is both unfair and inequitable. It effectively disenfranchises our citizens. It diminishes our ability to be heard and to affect our own fate. Disenfranchising those who are already among the least powerful and affluent is unjust. Doing so will hurt St. Clair County. It will hurt our citizens. No good reason exists to take an action so detrimental to a vulnerable population. We hope and expect that you will keep our county together when you finalize your plan.



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#### Chase Waggoner's Proposed House Redistricting Map

**Priorities** 

- 1) Equal Population
- 2) Easily Identifiable District Boundaries
- 3) Keeping Counties Intact
- 4) Compactness of Districts
- 5) Maintaining Districts Similar To Current Maps (When Possible)

Average District Size = 36,742

5% Standard Deviation = 1,837 or a range of 34,905 - 38,579

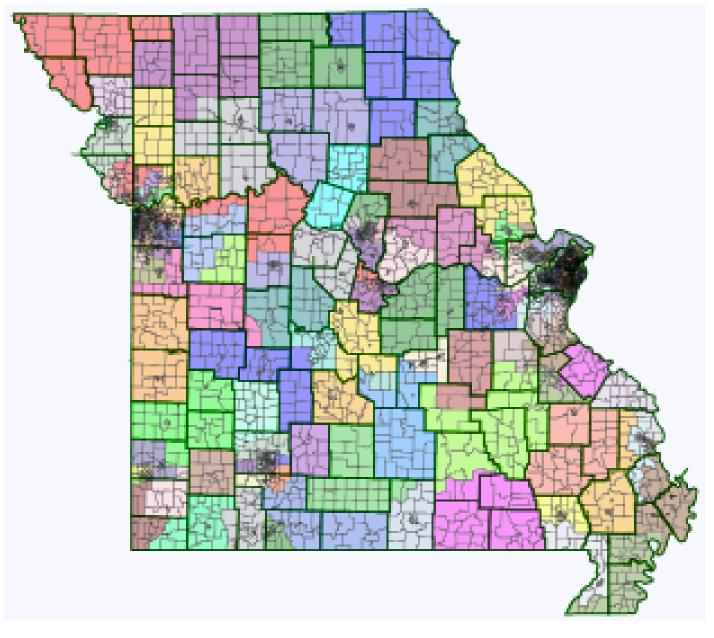
159 / 163 proposed districts are within the 5% standard deviation

All 163 are within 6% deviation

District 22)	Population = 38,948	+2,206	6.0% Deviation
District 117)	Population = 38,712	+1,970	5.3% Deviation
District 119)	Population = 38,595	+1,853	5.0% Deviation
District 132)	Population = 38,634	+1,892	5.1% Deviation

Significantly Relocated Districts:

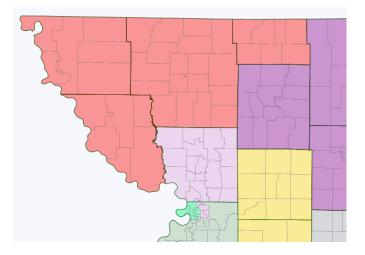
- 9) From Rural Northern Missouri to St. Charles County
- 50) From Kansas City to Southern Jackson/Northern Cass Counties
- 57) From St. Louis City to Boone County
- 66) From Southern St. Louis City/County to St. Charles County
- 81) From St. Louis County to Taney County
- 82) From St. Louis County to Platte/Clay Counties
- 106) From Perry County to Southern Jefferson/Northern St. Francois Counties



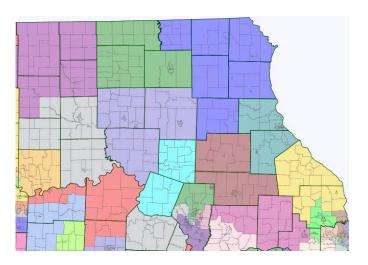
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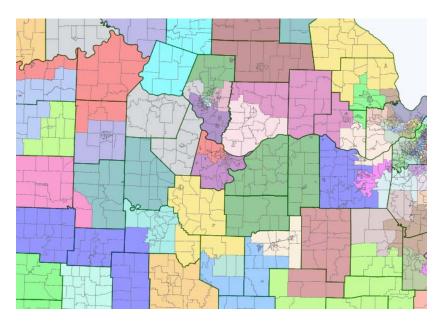
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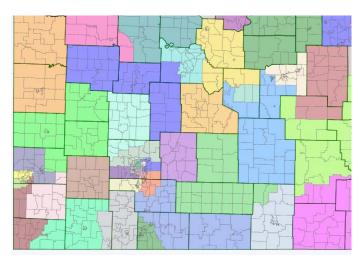
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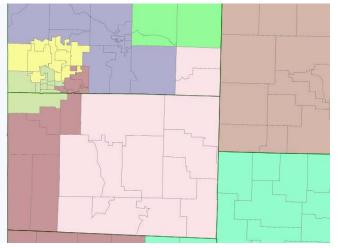




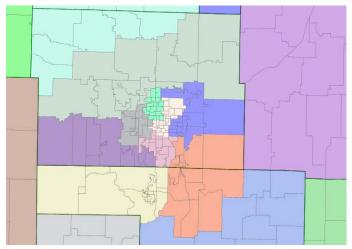


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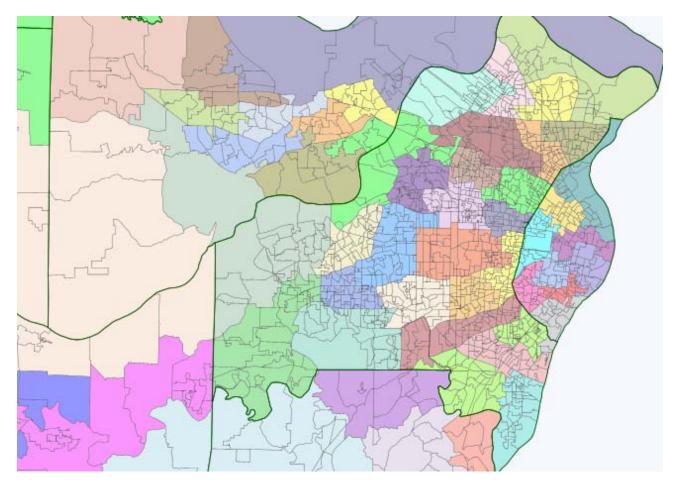
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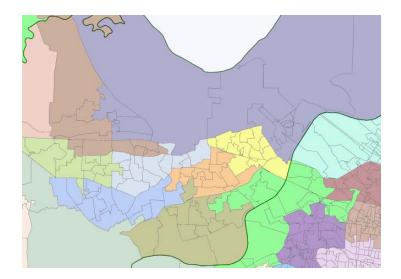




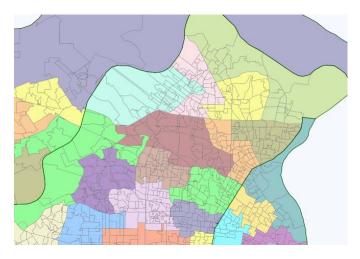
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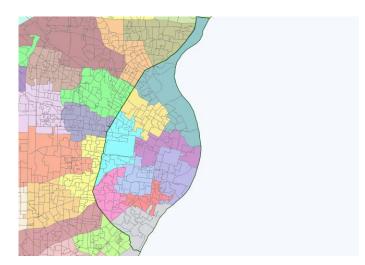
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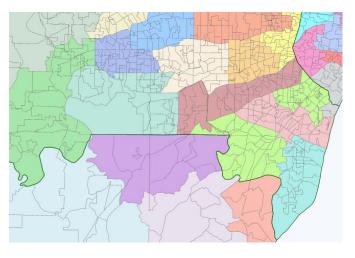
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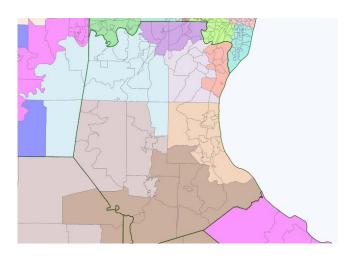
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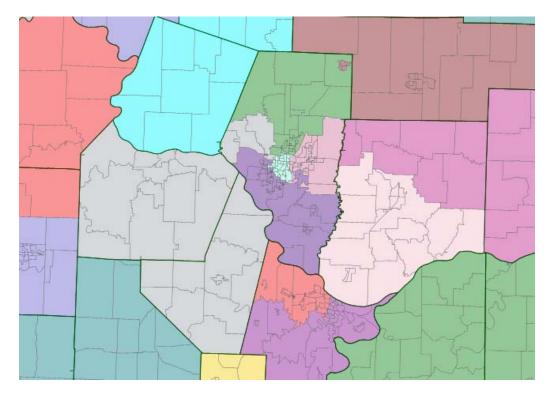
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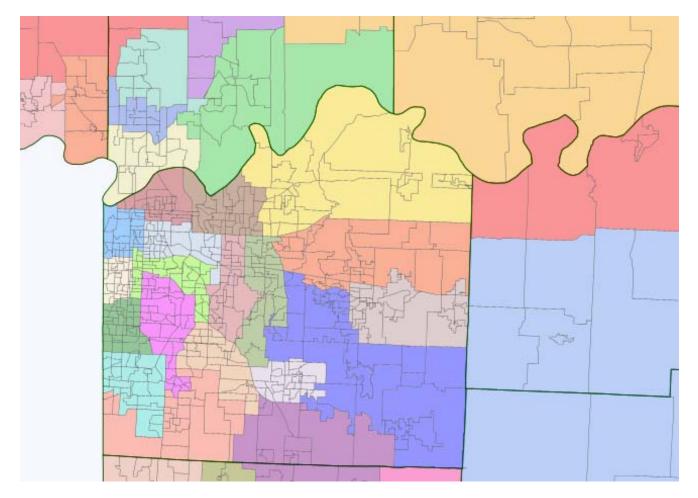
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Columbia / Boone County



Kansas City / Jackson County