

EXHIBIT 7

Doug Himes

From: Kevin Vaughan
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Gadd, Chris
Subject: Re: District 5, Dickson County, upcoming change

Hi Chris:

Thanks for the question. Right now, it is too early to speculate on the Congressional lines. Our efforts are consumed with trying to hammer out a State Rep map that will be both fair and constitutional. I see that discussion beginning once we get our own house (pun intended) in order.

At this point there are no preconceived notions. However, I do realize that there is a great deal of speculation.

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Subject: FW: District 5, Dickson County, upcoming change

Rep. Vaughan,
Can you comment on the likelihood of Dickson County moving out of Congressional District 5? And then likely moving into District 7? As you can see below, DC GOP Chair Garrett commented on this.
I understand you are heading up the Middle TN redistricting.
(Side note: I used to be Collierville Appeal editor about 15 years ago...and am a U of M grad).
Thanks,
Chris Gadd

From: jimgarr@bellsouth.net <jimgarr@bellsouth.net>
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Subject: RE: District 5, Dickson County, upcoming change

Chris,

Good evening. My comments were based upon three factors I saw. The first was simply the population numbers I saw. The second was a knowledge that the western counties were deficient in population, thus their area would have to increase, thus their boundaries would be moving eastward. This will cause

District 7 to move eastward. The third is the knowledge counties of a multiple county district have to be continuous - i.e. connected.

The target population of a congressional district is: 767,871 (with a 5% variance the number could be between 729,478 and 806,264).

The population of Davidson County is 715,884 which is 51,987 short of the target.

The population of Cheatham County is 41,072 which combined with Davidson Co. would meet the target.

The population of Dickson County is 54,315 which, if combined with Davidson and Cheatham, would be about 5,000 over the maximum target value. Thus the three counties would not be combined – at a minimum Dickson County would have to be split.

Now the second factor comes into play. The western boundary of District 7 will probably be moving eastward. Thus, the eastern boundary will need to be modified. In all likelihood this would involve Dickson County.

These factors enter into why I made my prediction as I did.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you get a response.

BTW, you may want to ask Representative Kevin Vaughan this question or for his comments on this matter. He is the House Middle Tennessee Coordinator on redistricting.

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Subject: District 5, Dickson County, upcoming change

Good morning legislators,

Reading recent comments from Chairman Garrett and listening to comments from a recent Dickson County Commission meeting, it appears likely that Dickson County will be drawn out of Congressional District 5 in the coming months. I also understand that the likely "landing place" is District 7.

Can anyone comment on this at this time? What the objective might be? What's expected to happen?

Thank you,

Chris

Chris Gadd

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