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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY - TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VIDEO RECORDINGS

OF

House Bills No. 7001, 7002, 7003, 7004, 7006, 7009

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1 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE OF EXTRAORDINARY
2 SESSION II

3 May 6, 2026

4 (WHEREUPON, on the above date, there came up
5 for consideration in the Senate State and Local
6 Government Committee Senate Bills 7001, 7002, 7003,
7 7004, 7006, and 7009. Discussion pertaining to these
8 bills was as follows:)

9 CHAIRMAN FARMER: All right, Members,
10 let's go ahead and get punched in. Let's get signed
11 in.

12 Madam clerk, if you would open the board
13 for voting. Madam clerk, if you would take the roll,
14 please. Hold on one second.

15 Wait on Representative Love, please.

16 MADAM CLERK: We already closed it.

17 CHAIRMAN FARMER: Oh, it's closed. Mark
18 him present then, please.

19 MADAM CLERK: Mr. Chairman, you have 19
20 members present. You have a quorum.

21 CHAIRMAN FARMER: Okay. Thank you. A
22 couple of important announcements to make before we
23 get started. I'll let everybody get seated there. I
24 want to welcome everybody to the congressional
25 redistricting committee of the second extraordinary

1 redrawn map if you look at it. I think it's been
2 released since 9:00 A.M. this morning. The maps
3 districts, Congressional District 1, 2, and 3, have
4 relatively stayed the same through this. Maybe a
5 small tweak. There was revisions to Congressional
6 District 6 with addition of Sumner County and so
7 forth. There was slight change to Congressional
8 District 4, Congressional District 4 now goes into
9 Davidson County with District 7 and District 6. 7 and
10 6 were already in Davidson. 4th goes in, the 5th came
11 out of Davidson County. There you go.

12 And then the 7th moved a little bit more
13 east to include Sumner County, Trousdale and Macon
14 County. And then the 9th District is the southern
15 part of the bottom going from Williamson County, a
16 little bit of Rutherford down into Bedford, Lincoln,
17 and then following the Mississippi, Alabama border
18 into Shelby County.

19 And then above that is Congressional
20 District 8, which keeps intact some of what they had
21 before. It has a bigger portion of Shelby County.
22 And then District 5 has the border of the Mississippi
23 River going from south to north, and then goes across
24 the northern border and then comes back into
25 Williamson and Maury County. And so that's the

1 revised map. And the map that was generated was based
2 on population and politics, no racial data was used
3 and no incumbents were paired together.

4 CHAIRMAN FARMER: This is your warning.
5 This is your warning. We have guests that are set to
6 testify. When we clear this room, everyone will be
7 gone. This is your warning. If that happens again,
8 everyone will be outside watching this on the TVs.
9 Thank you.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: And with that,
11 Mr. Chariman, I'll be happy to take questions.

12 CHAIRMAN FARMER: Very good. Thank you.
13 First on the list I have Representative Chism, I
14 believe. Or maybe it Harris? Was it you,
15 Representative Harris? Either one. Representative
16 Chism, you're recognized, sir.

17 REPRESENTATIVE CHISM: Thank you.
18 Mr. Chariman.

19 To the sponsor, I asked three questions
20 earlier and they didn't have this data so make maybe
21 you can help me out.

22 So Memphis is predominantly
23 African-American, correct?

24 CHAIRMAN FARMER: Mr. Speaker?

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I would differ to

1 you on that. That was not used in the map to this
2 map.

3 REPRESENTATIVE CHISM: Okay. I'll keep
4 going.

5 Shelby County is also predominately
6 African-American, correct?

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I will defer you
8 that there was no racial data used in the drawing of
9 this map.

10 REPRESENTATIVE CHISM: Okay. So the
11 congressional district, the only majority black
12 congressional district in the state; is that correct?

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I'll defer to you
14 on your opinion on that.

15 REPRESENTATIVE CHISM: Okay. So under
16 the proposed map, the district is divided into three
17 districts.

18 How do we come to the number of three
19 districts?

20 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: Well, as the map
21 was drawn based on population and politics, then there
22 was, Shelby County would be divided into three
23 congressional districts which was already divided
24 twice between the 8th and the 9th prior. And this
25 map, it draws in the 5th for the 3rd district to come

1 responsible for drawing our maps a couple of years ago
2 were the same people who drew these maps? Is that
3 correct?

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I can't speak to
5 who the Senate had as their map person. Our
6 redistricting person has always been Doug Himes.
7 He's been it for the several times, I believe, three,
8 maybe. At least two that I know of, but I think it's
9 been three. And the Senate, they can hire whoever
10 they want to hire or use someone internally, whoever
11 they want to use.

12 REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL: Well, you know,
13 I succinctly remember, you know, I got demographic
14 information on the, you know, the racial makeup of my
15 district when we lasted this. So I'm curious, you
16 know, either the map drawer is the luckiest person
17 around, and we spoke about this earlier, they should
18 buy lottery tickets. But to be able to split-up the
19 African-American population of Shelby County and of
20 these districts within a percentage point three
21 different ways, Speaker, do you think that is just by
22 chance?

23 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I would think you
24 would need to take that up with the Senate map person.
25 I would tell you on our software, when we put that map

1 into ours, we turn all that data off so that the only
2 thing that was referenced in our map was population.

3 CHAIRMAN FARMER: Any follow-up,
4 Representative Mitchell?

5 REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL: Yeah.

6 And, Speaker, what data did you use to
7 draw these maps?

8 CHAIRMAN FARMER: I think he just
9 answered that question.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: The maps were
11 based off the last census.

12 REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL: Okay. And are
13 you familiar, the 2020 census, are you familiar with
14 Baker v. Carr?

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: We did not take
16 into account Baker v. Carr. Doug may have or someone
17 else may have. When we were looking at it was based,
18 as I said, population and politics.

19 REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL: Well, Baker v.
20 Carr is the one vote one man principle. And
21 Tennessee's population is 7,315,076. And if you
22 divide that by nine, that's 812,786. And so I just
23 want to get on the record that most definitely this
24 map will violate Baker v. Carr.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON: I would say that

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