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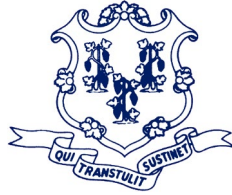
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House Majority Leader Jason Rojas
Representative Jason Perillo

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MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021
1:30 PM on Zoom and YouTube Live

I. CONVENE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Speaker Matt Ritter.

The following commission members were present: Senator Kevin Kelly, Senator Martin Looney, Senator Bob Duff, Senator Paul Formica, Representative Matt Ritter, Representative Vincent Candelora, Representative Jason Rojas, Representative Jason Perillo, John McKinney

Absent were:

II. OPENING REMARKS:

Speaker Ritter welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had any opening remarks they would like to make. Rep. Rojas thanked the members of the Commission. He also noted that the process was impacted some by COVID and receiving census data later than is typical. He also thanked Rep. Haddad and Rep. Exum for their work earlier in the process as members of the committee and facilitating the public hearings that occurred. He also noted that this really was a bi-partisan effort and wanted to thank everyone involved. Rep. Candelora thanked all for their hard work and commented on the challenges faced due to the pandemic. He noted that it was truly a collaborative effort on both sides of the aisle. Rep. Perillo also remarked that he was proud to be a part of this process and appreciated the work of all involved. Sen. Looney commented that Connecticut is one of few states where this process is one of a truly bi-partisan nature. Sen. Formica commented that he also appreciates anytime there is bi-partisan effort. While the work is continuing on the Senate map currently, he has not had time to look at the House maps and therefore will be voting based on the confidence he has in there being a bi-partisan effort and communication to complete the House map. Speaker Ritter then went on to thank many members of his staff who worked hard on this project. He further remarked that former Senator John McKinney had just been appointed to the Commission two days prior to this meeting. He had an opportunity to speak with him and wanted to point out how evident it was to him that Mr. McKinney takes his role on the Commission very seriously. He then went on to read a statement for the information of the public:

“Census data used for the House plan was adjusted, specifically by reallocating certain data concerning prisoners, in accordance with Public Act 21-13.”

Speaker Ritter then remarked it was a pleasure working with everyone on this. He also commented on how this is a difficult process for all legislatures across the country. While difficult, the process Connecticut follows is a positive thing for the state.

III. Certification of the House of Representatives Plan of Districting:

Speaker Ritter asked for the map to be put up for all to view. Rep. Candelora made a motion to adopt the state House of Representatives 2021 districting plan. The motion was seconded by Rep. Rojas. Speaker Ritter then asked for any comments, but there were none. The motion passed on a roll call vote with 9 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 Abstaining, and 0 Absent and Not Voting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Speaker Ritter then suggested adjournment. Rep. Candelora made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Senator Kelly and was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Beth Waters
Administrator