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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

There was a Senate and House redistricting public comment meeting in Monticello on June 7. I was overwhelmed by our friends in Desha and Chicot counties that stood up to demand that Dumas be included in their State Senate and House districts because they considered us as part of their community and family. Southeast Arkansas is a community of competitive, hardworking, industrious and proud people who could be wildly successful like Northwest Arkansas, but for various reasons have been left behind. Together, SE Arkansas can accomplish anything, but separately we have little chance of bearing the weight of our current economic issues.<br>If Dumas is districted with Pine Bluff, we will not have "one man one vote", because our community cannot compete with the population of Pine Bluff. Recently, a very accomplished Dumas resident was defeated by a Pine Bluff resident for the State Senate. A person from the Dumas area has no chance to be elected with the current districting. If we are districted with McGehee and Lake Village we will be one among equal communities where each community has an equal voice.<br>After all, we are family.<br>

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I do not like Desha county being split like it is slated to be. To me, it looks like it is being set up to try to guarantee a democratic representative.

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I am disappointed to see the obvious, blatant partisanship being displayed by the governor and the attorney general by (in effect) cutting the secretary of state out of the redistricting process in direct violation of the state Constitution. You are not authorized to delegate so much power to Mr. Woodson or anyone else according to the Constitution. It is obvious to regular citizens that you are deliberately trying to avoid Mark Martin's involvement in the process, and that is shameful. I am doing everything I can to shine daylight on this. The secretary of state was elected to do this job, and that is what we citizens expect, not this partisan game you are playing.

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Thank you for the informative presentation in Hope on 5.31.11. We will watch with great interest as the process takes shape. Please put in place a form of ranking the proposed maps as you consider and discard suggested lines. Ann

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I am a Deputy Clerk for Saline County in charge of voter registration. I just have one quick question - will there be any additional draft maps published before Thursday June 2nd?

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

DEAR SIR:<br>I AS A 57 YEAR VOTING CITIZEN OF THIS STATE AM APPALLED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE STRICKEN FROM THE BOARD BY THE ONLY OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE DEMOCRATS, GOVERNOR BEEBE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DUSTIN MCDANIEL. THIS TO ME SEEMS TO BE LIKE SOMETHING WE WOULD EXPECT FROM THOSE FOLKS IN WASHINGTON WHO ARE RUNNING OUR NATIONS BUSINESS AND NOT TOO WELL I MIGHT ADD. I AM A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT BUT I WOULD LIKE VERY MUSH TO SEE THE LONE REPUBLICAN LEFT ON THE BOARD FOR SURE SO WE MIGHT AT LEAST HAVE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. IN OTHER WORDS WE THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT A ONE MIND DICTATOR POINT OF VIEW. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR RESPONSE.

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

What you're doing with giving Woodson autonomy and cutting Martin out of the process is downright dirty politics. We all know what you are doing..... cutting the ONLY Republican (Martin) out of the process is wrong. Come on people, do what's right!

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Gentlemen: Decisions you make will affect our state government for the next ten years. Be fair and open with the citizens of this state. Remember your obligation to represent all the people. Do not use your power for selfish interests.



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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

When drawing up districts for voting, state house, state senate, school districts, county JP districts, city alderman boundaries. WHY NOT USE WORK WITHIN TOWNSHIP, RANGE, & SECTION LINES? THIS WOULD BE EQUITABLE FOR EVERYBODY!!!!<br>RETURN HONESTY & INTEGRITY TO POLITICS!!!!!!<br><br>R.O. Bowling/rob 24 MAY 2011<br>

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

We, the Tea Party, expect boundys make senably with natural geographical boundarys where possible, be them County or mountan ranges, but not another Fayetteville finger. There should be no gerrymandering or any other polical shenigans.<br><br>we will be watching who says and does what.<br><br>Loy

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Beebe & McDaniel cut GOP Mark Martin out of the process when they gave Woodson full reign over the process and budget, etc. What a blatant partisan decision this was. It is so obvious that the Secretary of State basically oversaw everything in years past when that office was held by a Democrat and now it is held by a Republican you and the Party are trying to destroy him.

**From:** Joe Woodson, Jr.  
**Date:** Tue, 10 May 2011 13:12:46 -0500  
**To:** Rick Green  
**Subject:** board of apportionment

Mr. Green,

I received your email but did not see any comments enclosed.

Joe Woodson, Jr.  
*Redistricting Coordinator*  
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Joe

Thank you for emailing me. I got a phone call and I guess hit "send" before I entered a message

First, full disclosure- I am a former State Representative from Van Buren, AR - District 66 - I was termed out in December 2010

Second- I have announced my formation of an exploratory committee in preparation of seeking what is now Senate District 7 which is currently held by Sen Ruth Whitaker

I have been watching various maps pop up on what may or may not be the reconfigured future Senate districts. I recently took more stock in those maps when I learned that there were 5 possibilities listed on the Board of Apportionment web page.

I have looked at all 5 versions. Version 4, May 4th, poses consequential harm to my area and causes me a lot of concern as a future candidate. It appears that Van Buren is divided on the map and separated from most of Crawford County. This is not good for Van Buren or our county. This possible scenario is alarming to our local Chamber, Mayor, County Judge, and many others who are learning about this. Although, a different subject from Congressional redistricting it was our same county that was divided in half in that recent action by the Legislature. Folks here are still smarting from that blow

Should version 4 be successful there is a great possibility that someone from NW AR could represent our district in the State Senate. We believe strongly in regionalism but we also believe that the everyday needs and interests of those who live in the Arkansas River Valley are different at times from those in NW AR. In a nutshell, we don't want to lose our identity

The other four versions listed on the web page are acceptable.

I appreciate your consideration of not only my concerns but those I have visited with in this area

**Joe Woodson, Jr.**

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**From:** Bob Freeman <bfreeman@vanburencity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011 1:52 PM  
**To:** Joe Woodson, Jr.  
**Subject:** Proposed Maps

Mr. Woodson,

As introduction I am the Mayor of the City of Van Buren. I am currently entering my second term.

Rick Green alerted me yesterday to the proposed redistricting maps and I am glad that he did. I certainly agree with him and his concerns about the May 4 map. My concerns are not driven by any single political interest but from the view as a Mayor and representation. I saw your reply to Rick's message and I certainly understand the "draft" concept but at some point a "draft" becomes "final". On the last go around at the Congressional level redistricting, we were certainly on the short end and uninformed until the last minute and we are not going to go down that road again. The splitting of Van Buren in the May 4 version is just as strange as the split of Alma in that action. This is not the right thing to do.

I agree with Rick that the other four maps are fine.

Thank you for your time.

Bob Freeman  
Mayor  
City of Van Buren