



ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

MARK MARTIN

June 20, 2011

The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol
Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

The Honorable Dustin McDaniel
Attorney General
323 Center Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Beebe and General McDaniel:

I am in receipt of General McDaniel's letter and proposal for the upcoming Board of Apportionment processes. I am very favorable on the timeline that is laid out in the letter, but I would like to make a few suggestions and/or additions to the timeline.

I also agree with you that Mr. Woodson has done a good job in coordinating our staff and conducting the public hearings. However, instead of Mr. Woodson holding the final public hearing period, I believe it is incumbent upon the principals – the three of us – to hold at least one public hearing prior to a final vote. This would allow the public to talk directly to those who have a vote. Therefore, I propose the public hearing on July 25th should be held by us.

There will likely be amendments to the maps after the public hearing on July 25th. So I would also like to add, that within 48 hours following that public hearing, any amendments to the proposed maps must be filed and published for the public to view. This would mean that only maps or amendments to those maps filed by the close of business on July 27th would be allowed to proceed to a final vote.



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I look forward to hearing the public's comments on maps other than those my office has proposed. If either of you have specific objections to any portion of the maps currently being presented to the public, then please let me know. I would welcome the opportunity to address those concerns so that we can work together constructively on behalf of the public in accordance with our responsibilities as members of the Board of Apportionment.

Finally, I would like to thank both of you for allowing your staff to work closely with mine on the public meeting process. Please have your staffs contact mine on whether my suggested adjustments to the timeline proposed by General McDaniel are acceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARK MARTIN
Secretary of State

cc: Joe Woodson, Jr.