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Press Statement & Advisory

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**Representative Solomons (R-Carrollton), Chair of the House Redistricting Committee, issued the following statement upon the release of the Committee Substitute for HB 150:**

"I want to thank the members of the House for working with the Redistricting Committee over the past weeks and months. We have received public testimony from across the state at hearings and submitted written materials. I deeply appreciate everyone's participation," Chairman Solomons said. "As a member, I know this is a very personal process, and I appreciate the patience and understanding that I have received from my colleagues. The map we are proposing is a fair and legal map that represents the people of Texas and our growth over the last 10 years. And, I believe the members understand this growth resulted in some difficult decisions for me personally."

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**Press Advisory on CSHB 150**

The proposed map will be released Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. and will be available to both the Members of the Texas Legislature and to the public. Members of the public can find the map on the Texas Legislative Council's website (<http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us>) by using the District Viewer Program and selecting the CSHB 150 Plan H 113. Members of the Texas Legislature have access to the plan through their internal redistricting software, RedAppl. The Committee on Redistricting will consider the Committee Substitute in Public Hearings on Friday, April 15, 2011 at Noon and Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Room E1.030.

Key Points of CSHB 150

- Compliance with the U.S. Constitution, "One-person-one-vote"
  - Overall deviation is within the +/- 5%, with the average deviation being 2.68% or 4,498 people.
- Compliance with the Voting Rights Act
  - In Nueces County, which has a 49% Spanish Surname Voter Registration and an apportionment of two districts, one new performing majority Hispanic district is created with a 63.7% Spanish Surname Voter Registration.
  - Maintained all current Black opportunity districts.
- Compliance with the Texas Constitution's County Line Rule
  - There is only one county line split, in Henderson County, which was necessitated by the population size of Ellis County.



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- Pairings
  - If you add the following districts (Phillips, Cain, Lavender, Flynn, Hughes, Simpson, Berman, Gooden, Christian, Hopson, White, Hamilton, Otto, Ritter, and Deshotel) you find that East Texas needs 244,239 additional population. This lack of growth in East Texas led to the pairing of two sets:
    - Flynn/Cain
    - Ritter/Hamilton
  - If you add the following districts (Smithee, Price, Chisum, Perry, Frullo, Landtroop, Hardcastle, Lyne, Keffer, S. King, Darby, Craddick, Lewis, Hilderbran, S. Miller and Gallego) you find that West Texas needs 286,616 additional population. This lack of growth in West Texas led to the pairing of two sets:
    - Landtroop/Perry
    - Chisum/Hardcastle
  - Due to the lack of growth in Dallas County, the County went from having 16 seats to 14. All of the districts held by Democrats in Dallas County are protected by the Voting Rights Act, as a result two sets of Republicans were paired:
    - Driver/Burkett
    - Harper-Brown/R. Anderson
  - Due to the lack of growth in Harris County, the County went from having 25 seats to 24. This lack of growth in Harris County led to the pairing of one set:
    - Hochberg/Vo
  - Due to the lack of growth in Nueces County, the County went from having 2+ districts to 2 districts. This lack of growth in Nueces County led to the pairing of one set:
    - Torres/Scott
- Open seats:
  - The map creates eight open seats
    - District 3 - Montgomery (part) and Waller
    - District 12 - McLennan (part), Brazos (part), Falls, Limestone, Robertson
    - District 33 - Collin (part) and Rockwall
    - District 85 - Fort Bend (part), Wharton, and Jackson
    - District 88 - Wise, Cooke, Jack, Young, Throckmorton, Haskell, Stonewall, Kent, Garza, Lynn, Terry, Borden
    - District 101 - Tarrant (part)
    - District 106 - Denton (part)
    - District 149 - Williamson (part), Burnet, Milam