

Variation 1, December 1, 2016

3 Member District

Burlington	42,417	
South Burlington	17,904	
Winooski	<u>7,267</u>	
Total	67,588	+8.0 % deviation

2 Member District

Milton	10,352	
Westford	2,029	
Essex	19,687	
Jericho	5,009	
Underhill	3,016	
Bolton	1,182	
Richmond	<u>4,081</u>	
Total	45,356	+ 8.71 deviation

1 Member District

Shelburne	7,144	
Charlotte	3,754	
St. George	674	
Williston	8,698	
Hinesburg	<u>4,396</u>	
Total	24,666	+18.2 deviation

Total population: 137,610, which is 12,462 over the ideal for a six-member district, a + 9.95% deviation. A 9.95% deviation is at the very high end of what is considered acceptable. The Apportionment Board's 2011 Senate plan had districts with a positive deviation of 8.13% and a negative deviation of 6.74%, for a range of 14.87%.

It is very challenging, perhaps impossible, to assemble these 15 towns (the entire county excepting Huntington, Buels Gore and Colchester) into districts with acceptable deviations and where all of the towns are contiguous to at least one other town in the district.

I am trying to fix the six-member, at large district problem without affecting any other Senate district, in hopes of solving the problem within the existing district boundaries. This is a simpler solution than otherwise, and would not disrupt any districts of other Senators. A solution that impacts multiple districts will be tougher to pass, and some may even suggest that it should wait for the 2022 session. As shown above, however, this is challenging. I will continue my efforts, and will try assembling three two-member districts.

Putting other districts into play presents more options for solving the problem. For example, if Charlotte were moved into the Addison district, the above proposal would seem to work (and the addition of Charlotte to the Addison district would not push its deviation to an unacceptable level). Or, as the Apportionment Board proposed in 2011, adding Milton and Georgia to the Grand Isle-Chittenden District makes it easier to solve the six-member district problem.