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Thanks Jessi, here in Marlboro our district is remaining one with Newfane and Townshend and Emily Long as our Representative. So I don't have anything to testify about but I fear I will become District Clerk erroneously.

The 2020 Census for our town is wildly divergent compared to surrounding towns in our area, and I am in the process of contesting the results with the Census which is daunting and may be unchangeable. Our population apparently increased from 1,078 up to 1,722 (60% increase) yet the number of dwellings is accurate against our Grand List. Their numbers mean that there are 4.4 people for EVERY structure they deemed occupied which isn't possible. It also means that accounting for children under voting age that there are 850 unregistered voters, which is also not likely since our number of registered voters has hovered at 700 for over a decade. My understanding is that with these new 2020 Census numbers, our town apparently has a higher population than both Newfane and Townshend. Therefore I would become district clerk.

Sorry to drop this in your lap, but I read the attached document and can't tell if my issue is something to testify to this committee about. It will be difficult for me to attend the meeting as my office is open for business simultaneously. If this message can be forwarded to the appropriate person, I would be grateful.

Sincerely, Forrest

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 2:51 PM Redistricting2022 <<u>Redistricting2022@leg.state.vt.us</u>> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The House Government Operations Committee will be taking testimony on 2022 redistricting for Bennington and Windham Counties **tomorrow, Thursday, January 27**th **beginning at 9:00 AM** for up to 15 minutes per witness.

Please contact the Committee's Assistant, Andrea Hussey at <u>ahussey@leg.state.vt.us</u> to schedule testimony if you are available.

See the attached letter for further specification on the requested testimony and other counties' upcoming hearing dates.

Sincerely,

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