



Hippert v. Ritchie

Special Redistricting Panel

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Martin Intervenors

- "My job is to do what's in the interest of the party for the long-term ***and to make sure that we're putting forward a map that reflects the will of the court panel in terms of the criteria established as well as the public testimony,***" Martin told MPR News.

http://minnesota.publicradio.org/collections/special/columns/polinaut/archive/2011/11/dfl_chair_i_did.shtml.

No Meaningful Public Input on Legislative Majority's Plans

- 5/9/11: Republican legislative majority releases its congressional plan.
- 5/10/11: House Redistricting Committee adopts plan on a party-line vote.
- 5/13/11: House adopts plan on a party-line vote.
- 5/17/11: Senate adopts plan on a party-line vote.

This Court Should Not Judicially Override the Governor's Veto

"The executive has a constitutionally recognized role in redistricting in Minnesota. To urge that ... [a vetoed bill] reflects state policy ignores the veto of the highest executive officer of the state."

~*Emison v. Growe*, 782 F. Supp. 427, 442 (D. Minn. 1992), *cert. denied* 112 S. Ct. 1557

The Hippert Plaintiffs Admit They Propose Incumbent Protection Plans

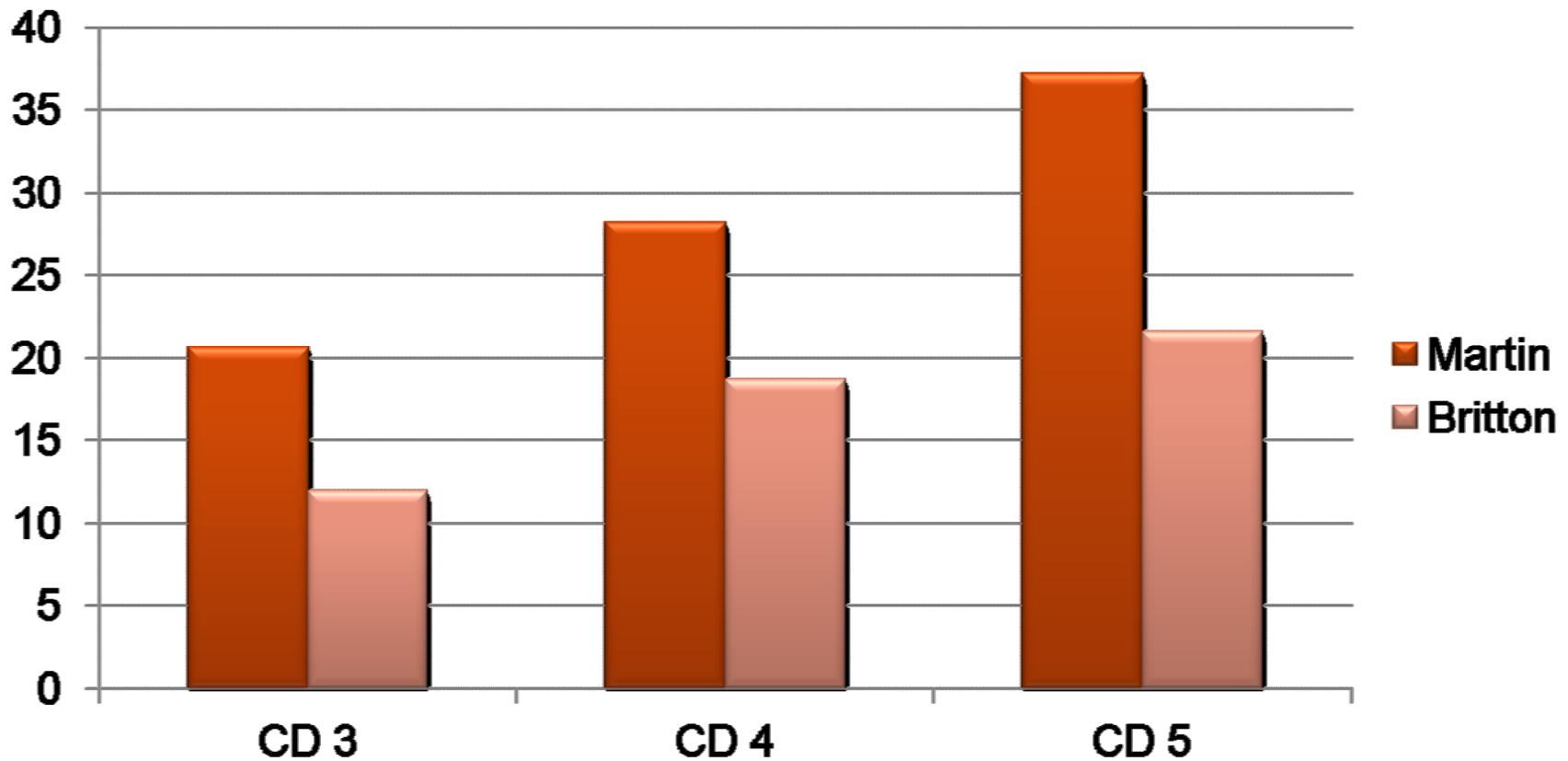
- “Congressional districts shall not be drawn for the purpose of protecting or defeating incumbents.”

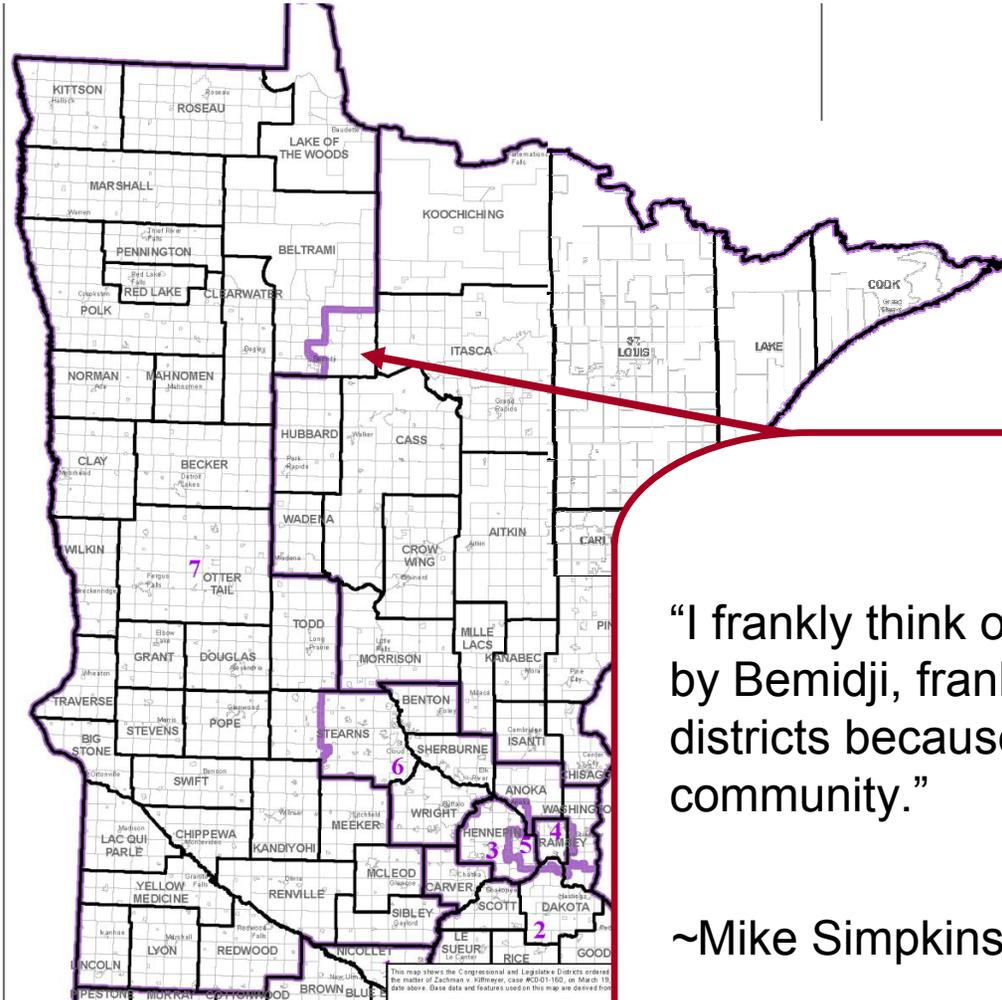
~Order Stating Redistricting Principles and Requirements for Plan Submissions

- “Plaintiffs are the only party to present a redistricting plan *designed to reduce* the number of incumbent pairings, after applying all other criteria.”

~Hippert Plaintiffs’ Memorandum in Response to Intervenors’ Proposed Legislative Redistricting Plans

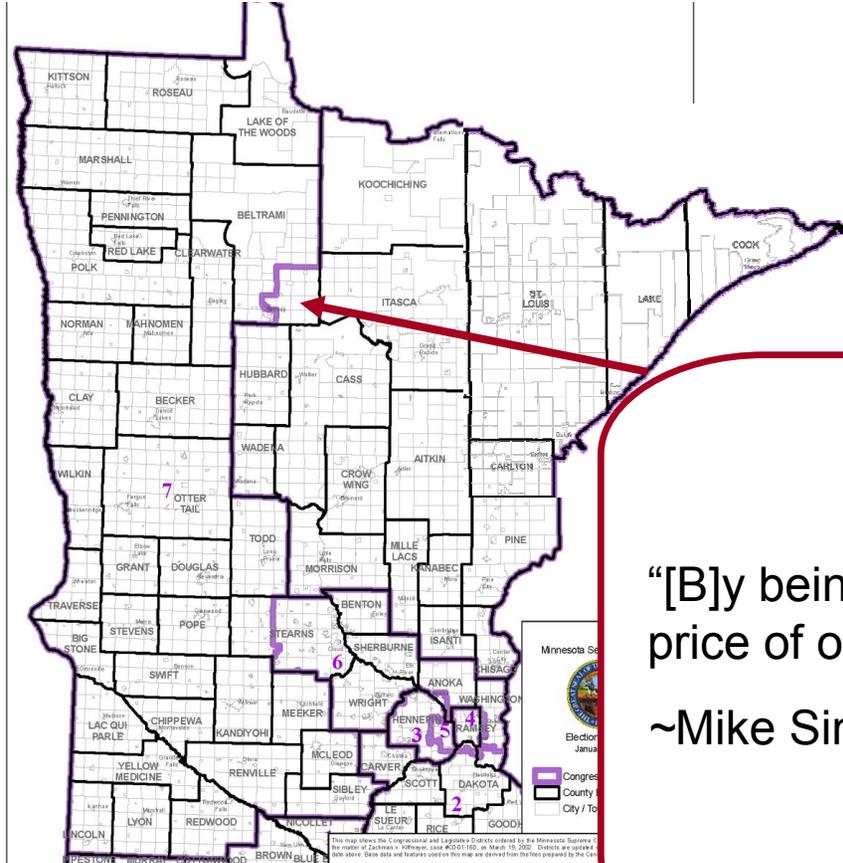
Martin v. Britton Proposed Minority Opportunity Districts





“I frankly think over history we've been well served by Bemidji, frankly, being split between the two districts because that's really a reflection of our community.”

~Mike Simpkins, Bemidji Hearing



“[B]y being split, we kind of get two for the price of one. We have two Congressmen.”

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The Panel Sought Public Input

- Eight Public Hearings
- Bemidji, St. Cloud Cloquet, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Moorhead, Mankato, Bloomington
- Dozens of Citizens Testified