



*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](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

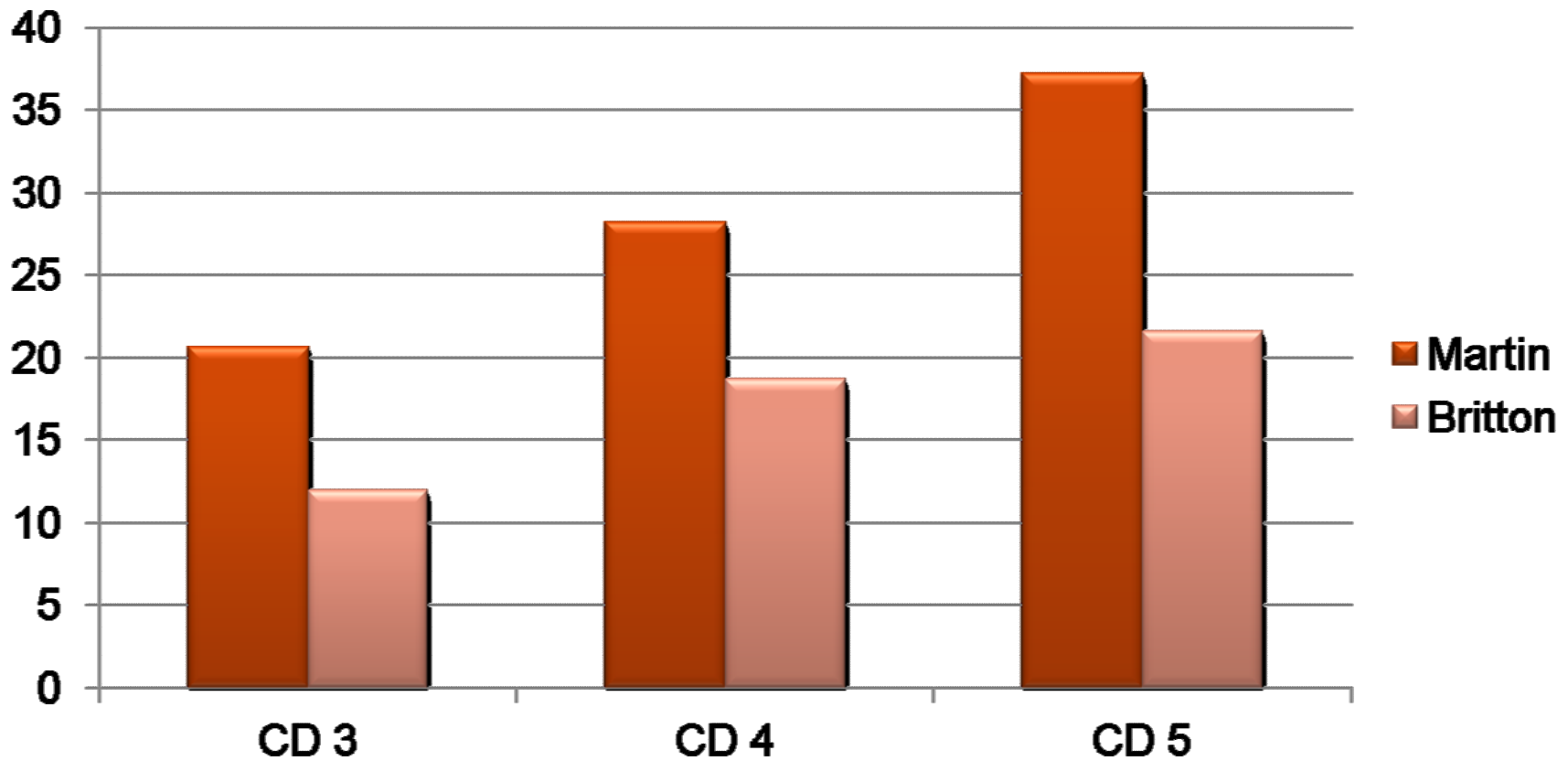
- “Congressional districts shall not be drawn for the purpose of protecting or defeating incumbents.”

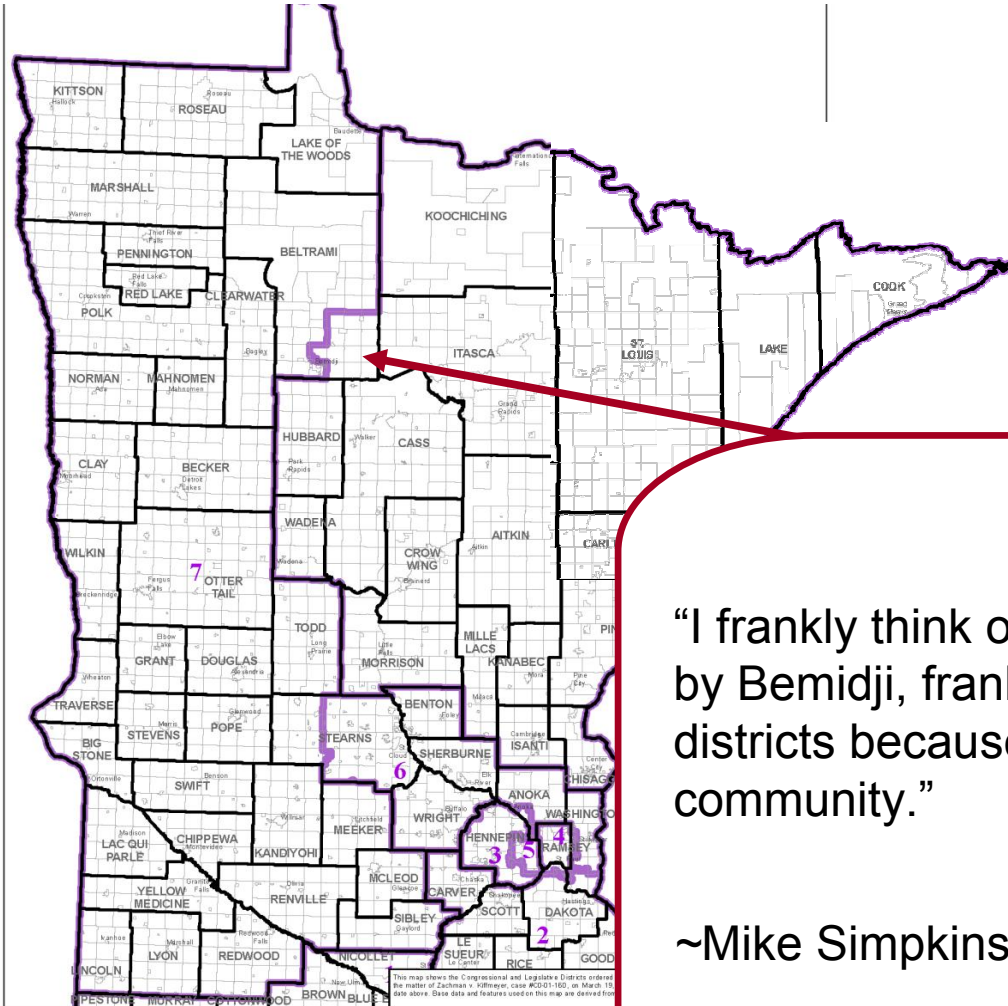
~Order Stating Redistricting Principles and Requirements for Plan Submissions

- “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

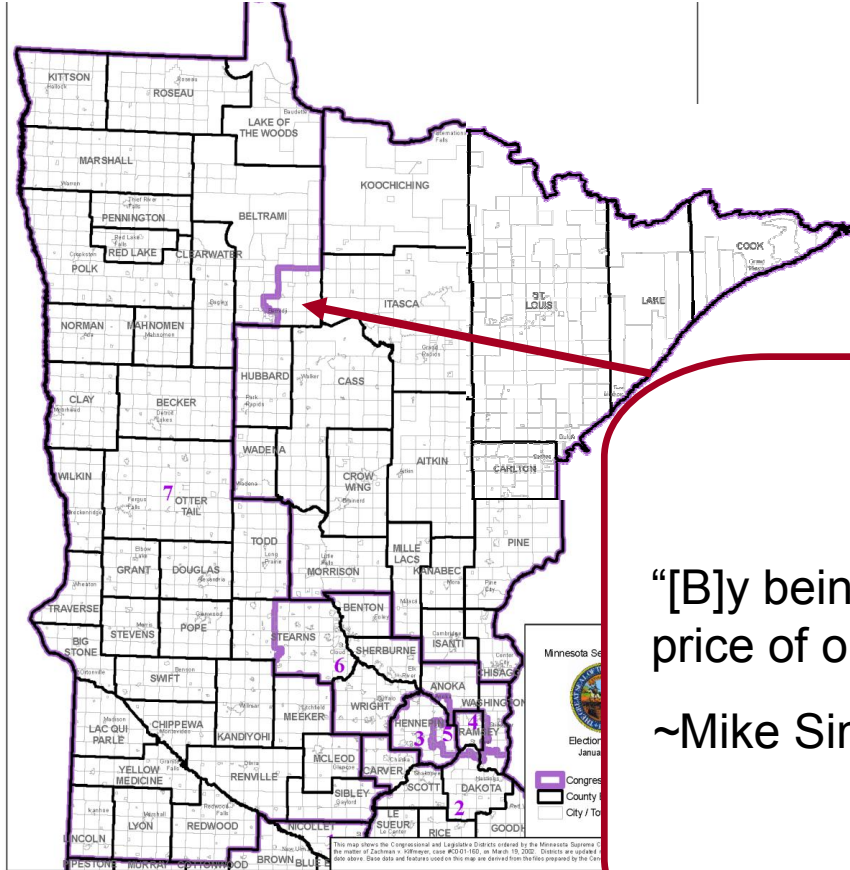
# Martin v. Britton Proposed Minority Opportunity Districts





“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.”  
 ~Mike Simpkins, Bemidji Hearing



# The Panel Sought Public Input

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