

# BENNINGHOFF AMENDMENT OVERVIEW

This amendment uses the Commission's Preliminary House Map as the foundation to redistrict State House Districts.

Below are highlights of the amendment.

## District Movement

Three Republican districts are moved.

- District 50 from Washington/Fayette/Greene Counties
- District 9 from Lawrence County
- District 54 from Westmoreland County

These seats are moved to the following Democrat areas:

- District 50 to Lancaster County
- District 9 to Philadelphia
- District 54 to Montgomery County

## Deviation

The amendment's plan deviation is 7.99% A plan deviation of 8% was adopted by the 2011 LRC to address the State Supreme Court's concerns. The 2012 plan deviation was 7.88% and ranged from -3.94% to a +3.94%

High district deviation: District 37 (3.97%)

Low district deviation: District 23 (-4.02%)

## Splits

Respecting the State Constitution's prohibition on geography splits unless absolutely necessary, below is a comparison table that shows a marked improvement over the current map. Splits is the first number, total splits the second number.

Level	Benninghoff Amendment Splits/Total Splits	Final Plan Splits/Total Splits
County	46/186	45/186
Municipality	42/76	56/92
Ward	88/97	87/98

## Compactness

Measurement	Benninghoff Amendment	FinalHouse Plan
Reock	.42	.43
Polsby-Popper	.36	.354
Schwartzberg	.59	.59

### **Major Changes Over the Final Plan**

Bucks County changed to be more competitive without being disruptive – changes are reflective of the comments submitted to the commission.

Juniata Valley is restored to traditional representation – this change reflects comments submitted to the commission.

Triple splits in Allentown and Reading, single splits of Harrisburg and Lancaster are restored while increasing overall minority voting power.

### **Voting Rights**

Voting Rights districts are drawn using traditional redistricting criteria and an after the fact analysis determined the following:

Statewide, there are eight African-American and five Hispanic majority minority districts. There are twelve Black Opportunity Districts and five Hispanic Opportunity Districts.

**Map Comparison Prepared by Dr. Michael Barber**

Metric	Preliminary Plan	Final Plan	Benninghoff Amendment	Best Plan
<b>Population Deviation</b>	9.29%	8.65%	7.99%	Benninghoff
<b>Splits</b>				
Split Counties	45	45	46	Benninghoff
Total County Splits	184	186	186	
Split Municipalities	63	56	42	
Total Municipal Splits	102	92	76	
Split Wards	91	87	88	
Total Ward Splits	98	98	97	
<b>Aggregate Number of Splits</b>	583	564	<b>535</b>	
<b>Compactness</b>				
Polsby-Popper	0.34	0.354	0.36	No Meaningful Difference
Reock	0.42	0.43	0.42	
Schwartzberg	0.59	0.59	0.59	
<b>Minority Responsiveness</b>				
Majority Black Districts	8	7	8	Benninghoff
Majority Latino Districts	4	4	5	
Majority Minority Districts	25	25	26	
Opportunity Black Districts	11	12	12	
Opportunity Latino Districts	5	2	4	
Opportunity Minority Districts	19	19	17	
<b>Total</b>	72	69	<b>72</b>	
<b>Partisan Fairness (D Seats)</b>				
2012-2020 Index	107	107	97	Benninghoff
2014-2020 Index	105	104	94	
2020 Index	104	103	95	
2020 Presidential Election	102	103	99	
DRA	105	106	103	
PlanScore	101	101	93	
<b>Seats w/Member Pairings</b>				
Republican v. Republican	6	4	2	Benninghoff
Republican v. Democrat	4 (all favoring Ds)	5 (all favoring Ds)	6 (4 favoring Ds)	
Democrat v. Democrat	1	1	1	
<b>Total Members Impacted</b>	22	20	<b>18</b>	

