

Remap shifts precincts

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The much battered reapportionment proposal will bring only comparatively slight changes in the six legislative districts embracing the 10 east Idaho counties, the most dramatic splitting Shelley into two districts.

House Bill 820 finally passed the Senate in the last action before adjournment 28-6 Wednesday after hurdling the House a week ago 48-17. The Senate Democratic leadership held up approval for weeks, seeking unsuccessfully for added changes in the Pocatello, Boise and Grangeville Districts. In the end only one Republican and four Democrats voted against Senate approval.

The bill was actually finally drafted by a Special House Reapportionment Committee made up of Reps. Vard Chatburn, R-Albion; John O. Sessions, R-Driggs; Jim Stoicheff, D-Sandpoint; and George Danielson, R-Cambridge.

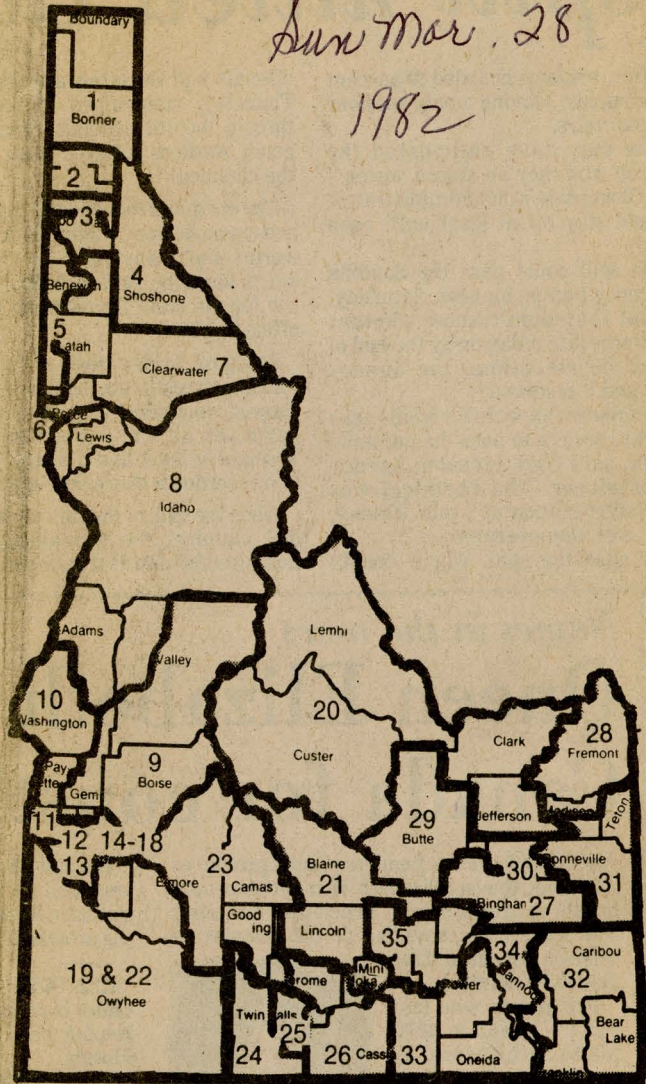
District 20 made up of Jefferson, Clark, Lemhi and Custer counties and District 28 made up of Madison and Fremont counties remain as at present except for one minor change in each.

The most alterations took place in District 29, west Bonneville and Butte County; District 30, central Bonneville and Shelley; District 31, east Bonneville and Teton; and District 27, most of Bingham except for half of Shelley and Aberdeen.

In District 20, the Ririe precinct was shifted to District 31, and in District 28, two precincts largely housing Ricks College out-of-county students in Rexburg were transferred to District 31. Sessions noted this change is slight as most of these students vote in their own home counties anyway.

In District 27, Fort Hall is moved to District 35, made up Power, west Bannock and Aberdeen, and in return gets Shelley precinct 2 from District 30.

Parts of two northern Idaho Falls precincts are shifted from District 31 to District 29 and parts of three eastern Idaho



How they'll run

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THIS IS how the 35 legislative districts were drawn in the final reapportionment bill approved by the Idaho Legislature late Wednesday afternoon. The original House Bill 830 was overwhelming approved after a prolonged hassle that dated back to the July special session.

Falls precincts are also transferred from District 31 to District 30. Because they are located in the city and environs, most people likely will hardly notice the changes.

The alterations are made to reach as close as possible to the 26,969 legislative stateward average. The reapportionment shows there is no district more than 2.68 percent above, nor more than 2.66 percent below the statewide legislative average, or a range of 5.34. This is twice better than the 11 percent differential attained in the final reap-

portionment of six years ago, and well within the 10 percent leeway courts have generally granted in legislative reapportionment lawsuits in many other states.