

# MMP Review

(What Are the Issues?)

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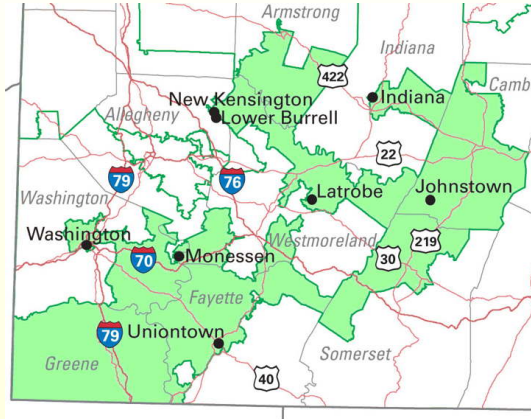
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Districting often take in account other issues (e.g., proportion of afro-americans in USA) so districts may be of a very strange configuration.

# A district in USA



You may lose the original purpose of districts, i.e., representation on regional issues.

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2. Sam Rosen-Amy	2. Steve Groinic	2. Deborah Gorlin	2. Juan Hernandez	
3. Colin Volz	3. Sarah McClurg	3. Brad Crenshaw	3. Beata Panagopoulos	
4. Benjamin Pike	4. Gerald Epstein	4. Daniel Czitrom	4. Alice Morey	
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It may be viewed as a peculiar form of semi-open list PR where, say, National voters may vote for the order on the Labour party list.

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**You Have 2 Votes**

District Vote	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Vote Here</p> <p>▼</p>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Damon Washington   Democrat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Houston        New Party
<input type="checkbox"/>	Naomi Lintz            US Taxpayers
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Henderson       Independent
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Write In</i>

Party Vote	
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Parliament excluded two matters from the review - Maori representation and the number of members of Parliament.

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