

PRESENTATION TO:
THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2004

LOYALIST COUNTRY INN, SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.

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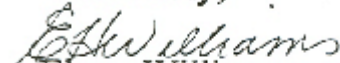
The number 1 concern is the imbalance numerically, that exists between various districts. I believe that this must be addressed in the following manner.

1. **The Variance** 25% above and below the average number of electors is in fact a 50% variance. This must be reduced in the interest of fairness and to ensure that a vote in the urban areas of our Province is similar in weight to a vote in rural P.E.I. While I would suggest the variance decrease to 20% each way this time around the ultimate variance must be no more than 10% overall (5% each way)
2. **County recognition** - as counties become less relevant to the way we operate our Provincial affairs. I would suggest that this section be replaced with a statement that serves the urban/rural divide. Example: the variance could be used to ensure purity of districts so that Summerside and Charlottetown riding would be contained along municipal lines. (Presently the Wilmot portion of Summerside is part of district 20, and Slemon Park in part of district 24. This causes voters in these areas to feel left out).
3. **Existing Polling Divisions** are O.K. for now, however I would suggest that there be consideration given to equalizing the number of electors per poll in the future.

4. **Geographical features:** District ~~28~~ a unique Acadian and Evangeline Area should be kept intact within our only Bi-Lingual district.
5. **Other Relevant factors** - as the discussions re representation by population heat up I see my suggested changes increasing in important to all Islanders.

I respectfully submit this presentation for your consideration. Should the commission require clarification or further input I can ve contacted at 902-436-5451, my mailing address is: 105 Cass Ave, Summerside, P.E.I.
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Yours truly,


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