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Texas House to Consider Redistricting Bill Next Week

Austin, TX - The Texas House of Representatives is well on its way to finalizing how legislative districts will be drawn and will look in 2012 and throughout the next decade. After initial review of the map for House members, many found themselves deeply disappointed in the map that was released concerning redistricting. At a time when many believed it is important to grow Republican majority if possible, It appears that many did not agree with the plan to pair so many of the hard working Republican conservatives against each other. Representative Flynn, said, "I do not see this as the right course at this time and I feel we can do a better job as we move through the process."

Flynn went on to say, "Our office has received many calls and letters from the district expressing concerns of protectionism and seemingly targets on the backs of some members. However, I plan to work with my fellow colleagues as we work to

develop a fair map that will properly represent the views of East Texans."

While some of the early maps reflect pairing (putting incumbents against each other) there have also been several maps that have been drawn that have no one paired in the East Texas area. Many members have expressed concerns over the rush to vote this legislation out of committee and then rush it to the floor over the Easter Holiday. In a vote on the floor it was overwhelmingly determined to postpone action until after the Easter Holidays.

The desire is to have maps that will be drawn to include a minimal amount of pairings while consistently maintaining compact districts where possible and in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act. Flynn said, "I am looking forward to working with leadership and all of my colleagues to come up with a redistricting plan that will truly reflect a fair representation of the people of Texas and still comply with the law."

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