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Tazewell County Board

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**\*\*\* News Update \*\*\***

### **[Illinois State Senate Committee on Redistricting](#)**

The Illinois State Senate Committee on Redistricting will be holding two special hearings in Peoria and Carbondale. They have already held two of these meetings, the first in Chicago and the second in Springfield. From what I have read, I support the Iowa Computer System and hope to hear more about it. Attached is a link to a page describing the event that has been posted on the Illinois Senate GOP Website. Please note that the dates of these meeting have changed since this was first posted.

<http://www.gerrymandering.senategop.net>

The Peoria Hearing is on September 22nd at 12:00. The location of this meeting has not yet been announced. As soon as I get the update, I will add it to the calendar notice on my website.

By state law, redistricting happens every ten years, with 2010 being the next time it occurs. Even if no changes to the current system of redistricting occur, everyone should take the time to review the rules and regulations involved with redistricting.

At the county level, I suggested during the last campaign reducing the current size of the Tazewell County Board Districts by increasing the number of districts from three to six. Currently, Tazewell County District Three, which I am proud to represent, has a population larger than 70% of the counties in Illinois. My proposal would cut that population in half, bringing it closer to other Illinois county board districts. By doing this, it would bring the county board members closer to the constituents they represent and would guarantee equal representation across the county for the decade to come. While this is just one possibility, now is the time to start considering all of the options.

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to represent you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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