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The Commission should look for ways to keep local governments, school districts and similar communities with one another. Some communities share services, infrastructure, and local economies. That did not happen with the Dauphin County House districts.

Historically, Lower Paxton (LP-our largest municipality), Harrisburg, Derry Township (Hershey) and Northern Dauphin County have been the core of our legislative districts.

To some degree that did happen with Derry township.

The Northern Dauphin district needs to expand elsewhere to reach the required population. Historically Susquehanna township was included in that district. Even though Northern Dauphin is rural and agricultural, and Susquehanna is suburban, they are both connected by river communities and rt 322. In the proposed 125th, Susquehanna twp is skipped over and a portion of Lower Paxton is included. (this may be the first time Lower Paxton has been split). There are few similarities between LP and Northern Dauphin. Plus there is no common thorofare like 322 connecting the communities. To get to LP you cross over State game lands and a mountain to connect the communities.

LP and West Hanover are close neighboring communities. They share the same economic center, school district and are linked by routes, 39,22 Jonestown road and Allentown boulevard. LP students attend Central Dauphin High school and the CD high school is physically located in West Hanover.

The City of Harrisburg(our 2nd Largest municipality) is split in two. This again may be the first time the City has been split. In the 103 it is put together with Camp Hill and surrounding municipalities. Across the river, a different county, a different school district and two completely different communities. Plus the portion of minority population is decreased. In the other proposed district that includes the city is the new 104th. The 104th is shifted east and is a completely new district. It runs from the river east to Hummelstown. Hummelstown is part of the Hershey Community not the Harrisburg community. In some areas it is hard to tell if you are in Hershey or Hummelstown. The communities of Hummelstown and the city are in two completely economic hubs, school districts and have little in common. Plus again the minority population is decreased. So the city of Harrisburg (our 2nd largest municipality) could be represented by 2 different representatives, with the real possibility of neither living in the city. And neither a member of our minority communities and one could live in a different county.