

Probate Redistricting Commission

Public Hearing Agenda

Thursday, August 20, 2009

1:00 PM in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building

The Probate Redistricting Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 1: 00 p. m. in Room 1A** of the LOB.

Subject Matter:

I. The statutory restrictions for the commission only permit testimony concerning the boundaries for the probate districts. The statutory guidelines include:

(A) There must be 44 – 50 probate districts;

(B) All districts are required to have a minimum population of 40,000 or a minimum weighted workload of 3,000. Districts that do not meet either requirement may be allowed when the following is taken into consideration:

(1) The geographic accessibility of the probate court to residents of the proposed probate court district;

(2) The availability of municipal facilities to house the probate court; and

(3) Communities of interest among municipalities sharing a proposed probate court district;

(C) No municipality may be included in more than one probate court district.

II. The 50-court proposal submitted by the Probate Assembly.

Copies of the Probate Assembly's proposal are available at www.jud.ct.gov/probate under the *Probate Redistricting Commission* link.

Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to commission staff in Room 1A of the LOB at least two hours prior to the start of the hearing. People are strongly encouraged to submit testimony electronically by e-mailing their remarks to commission staff at vincent.russo@ct.gov. Testimony submitted after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes of testimony. **People will begin signing up for the hearing at 11: 00 a. m. in Room 1A of the LOB.** Speaking order will be determined by a lottery system. **The lottery will be closed at 12:45 p.m.** Anyone wishing to testify after the drawing is closed will be placed at the end of the list.