


**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFING AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Philip Morley, County Administrator 
DATE: November 7, 2011
RE: Workshop on County Commissioner District Redistricting

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The County is required by state law to adjust County Commissioner district boundaries to equalize population between the three districts based on the 2010 US Census. The purpose of this workshop is to review seven draft redistricting alternatives, and give staff direction on potential refinements and what alternatives to include for public hearing.

ANALYSIS:

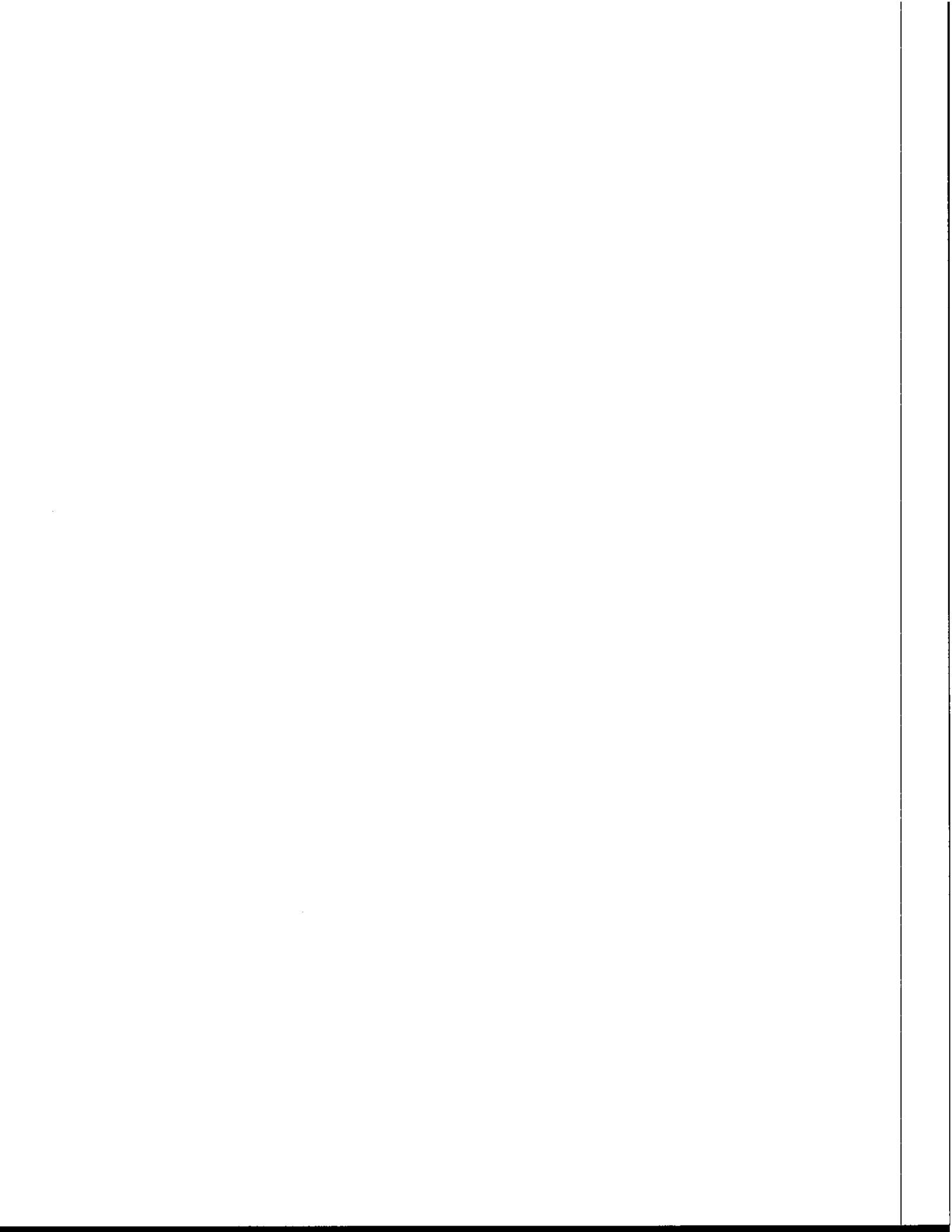
From 2000 to 2010, population in Jefferson County grew in all three Commissioner districts, but grew slightly faster in District 3, and slightly slower in District 1, while District 2 grew at the countywide average. As a result, the boundary between Districts 1 and 2 must shift slightly to include additional population in District 1; and the boundary between Districts 2 and 3 needs to adjust to shift the surplus of population out of District 3.

Using 2010 census block data, staff has developed seven draft redistricting alternatives, attached for your review. Each alternative brings the Commissioner District populations into approximate equality (see population statistics in the upper left corner of each map). These draft alternatives are offered for Commissioner review for potential refinements, and discussion of which to potentially include in a public hearing

The proposed timeline for completing redistricting of County Commissioner Districts is outlined below.

Jefferson County Commissioner District Redistricting Timeline

Action	Date
BoCC workshop, give direction on redistricting options	11/7/2011
BoCC approve hearing notice	11/14/2011
1st published notice of public hearing	11/16/2011
2nd published notice of public hearing	11/23/2011
BoCC hearing on redistricting	11/28/2011
BoCC adopt plan for redistricting	12/5/2011
BoCC send plan for redistricting to County Auditor	12/8/2011



The statutory deadline for the Commissioners to notify the County Auditor of Board's adopted redistricting plan is December 8, 2011.

At present, both the Port of Port Townsend and Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 follow the County Commissioner district boundaries for their districts. Under state law, the Port Commissioner districts must follow the County Commissioners', while the PUD Commissioners may either continue to follow the County Commissioners' or set their own.

One incumbent Port Commissioner, District 2 Port Commissioner Dave Thompson, would be affected by the draft boundary shifts. Mr. Thompson lives in District 2, near the expanding District 1 boundary. If redistricting places an incumbent Port Commissioner in a different district, it "shall not affect the term for which a commissioner shall hold office at the time a change is made." (see RCW 53.16.030)

Other redistricting is happening at the state and local level. The Washington State Redistricting Commission is working to adjust federal Congressional and State Legislative district boundaries and has a January 1, 2012 deadline. At the local level, County Auditor Donna Eldridge will review and recommend potential changes to precinct boundaries for adoption on or before April 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

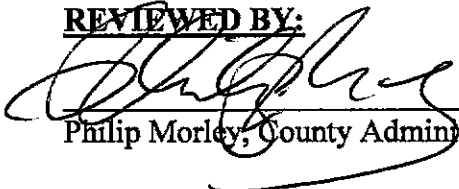
RECOMMENDATION:

Hold a workshop on November 7 at 2:00 pm to review the draft alternatives for the County Commissioner District redistricting, and give staff further direction

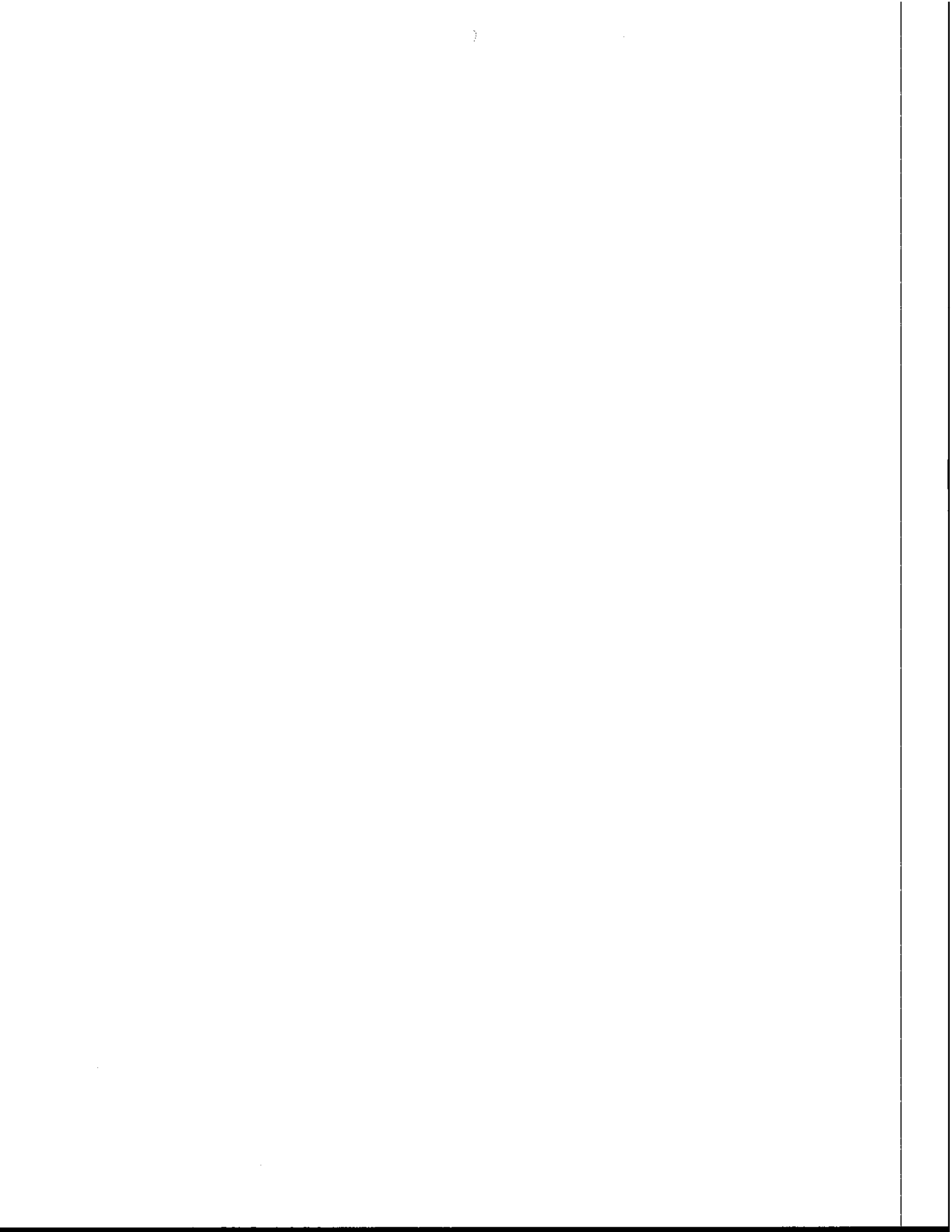
Attachments:

- Redistricting Guidelines
- Map: Existing Commissioner Districts
- 7 Maps: Draft Redistricting Alternatives A-G

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

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Date



Redistricting Guidelines

1. General Guidelines

RCW 36.32.020 Commissioner districts.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall divide their county into three commissioner districts so that each district shall comprise as nearly as possible one-third of the population of the county; PROVIDED, That the territory comprised in any voting precincts of such districts shall remain compact, and shall not be divided by the lines of said districts.

However, the commissioners of any county composed entirely of islands and with a population of less than thirty-five thousand may divide their county into three commissioner districts without regard to population, except that if any single island is included in more than one district, the districts on such island shall comprise, as nearly as possible, equal populations.

The lines of the districts shall not be changed oftener than once in four years and only when a full board of commissioners is present. The districts shall be designated as districts numbered one, two and three.

2. Redistricting for the Census

(4) The plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:

(a) Each internal director, council, or commissioner district shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other such district comprising the municipal corporation, county, or special purpose district.

(b) Each district shall be as compact as possible.

(c) Each district shall consist of geographically contiguous area.

(d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.

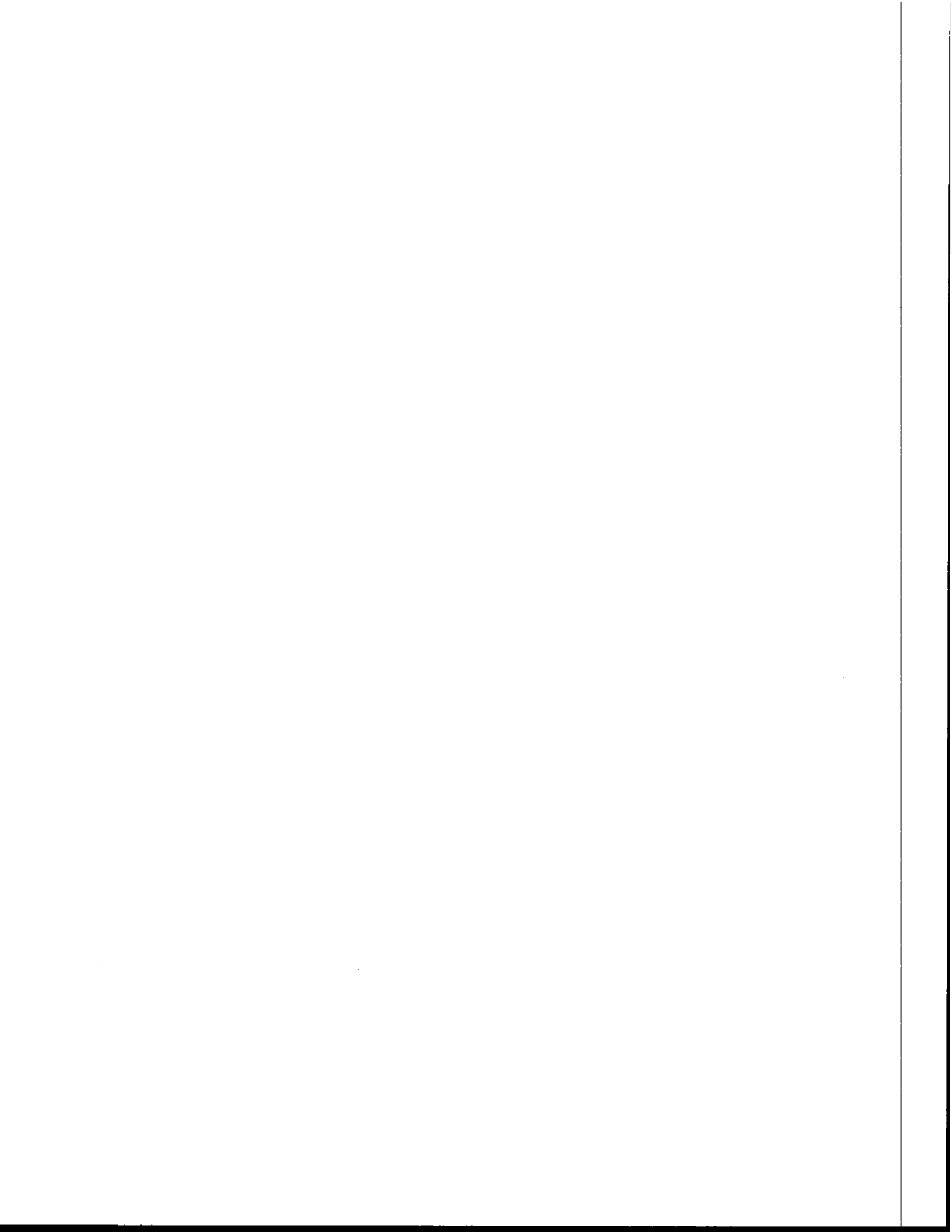
(e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, county, or district, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

SOURCE: RCW 29A.76.010(4)

3. Census Blocks

“Note: it is not possible to adjust population by anything less than a whole census block.”

SOURCE: Guide to Redistricting In 3 Phases; Washington Secretary of State; Revised October 2011; p. 24.

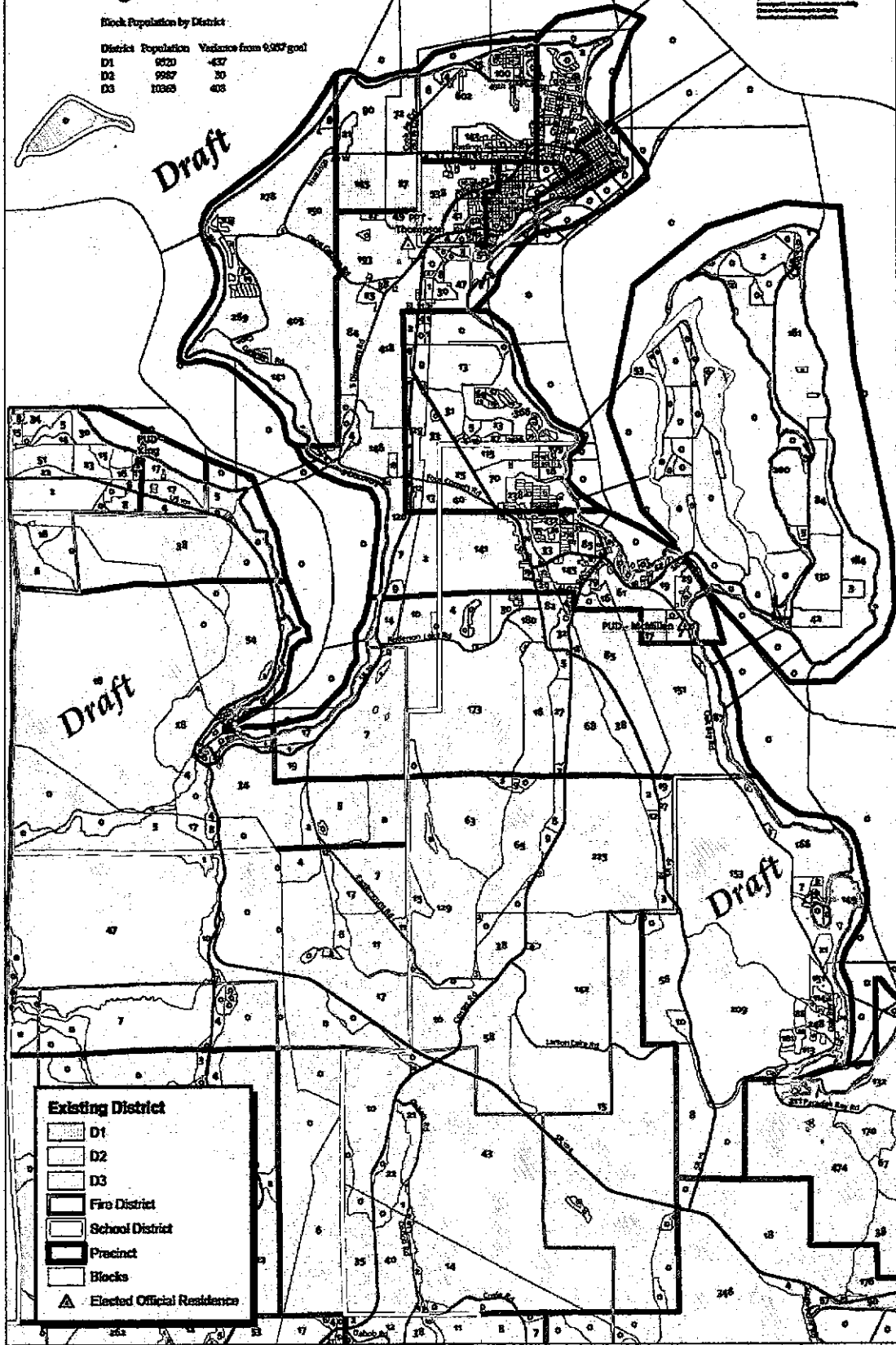


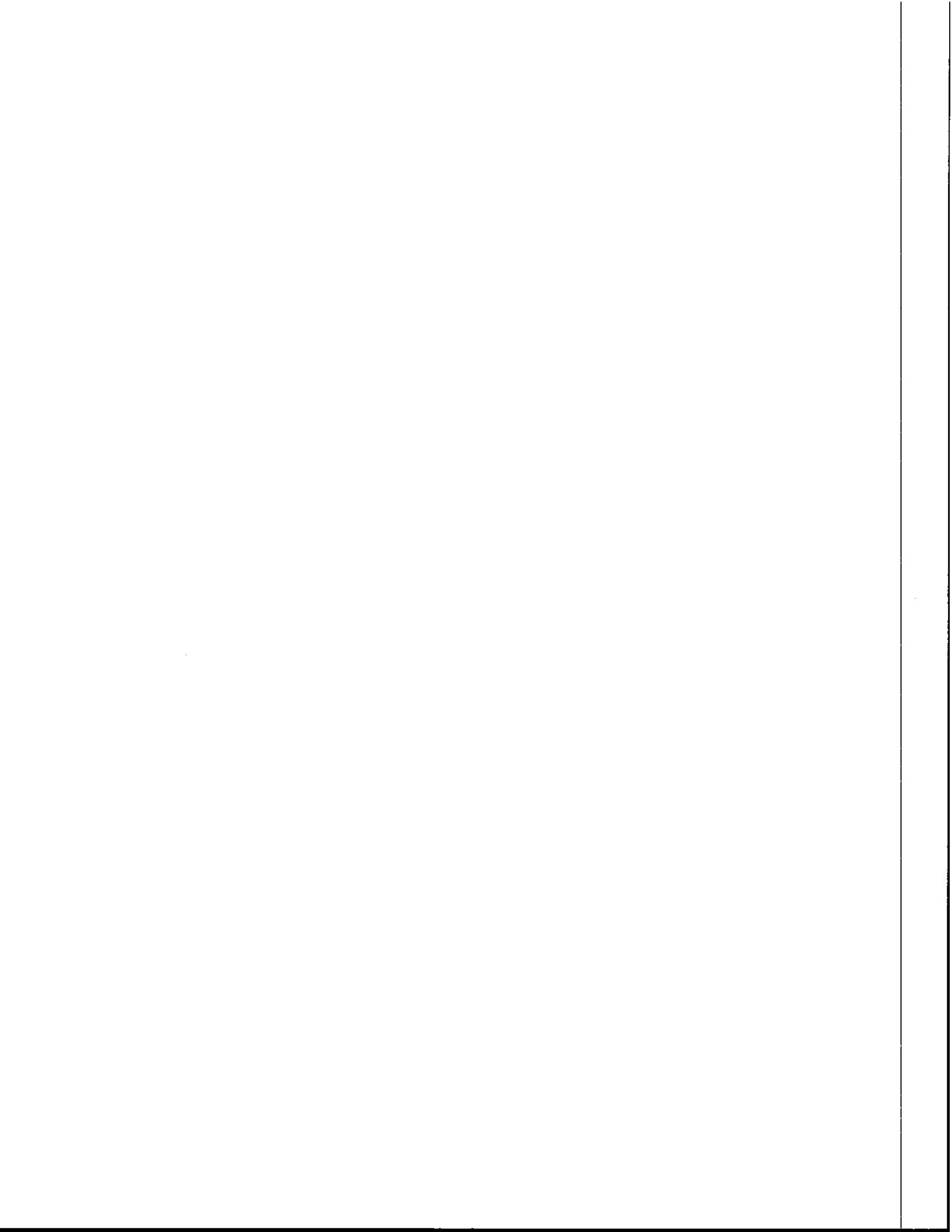
East Jefferson County Redistricting Existing Commissioner Districts

Block Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 6257 goal
D1	6320	-437
D2	9267	30
D3	11265	408

This map was prepared by the East Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of illustrating the proposed redistricting plan. It is not intended to be a legal document and should not be used for legal purposes. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to modify or change the plan at any time.





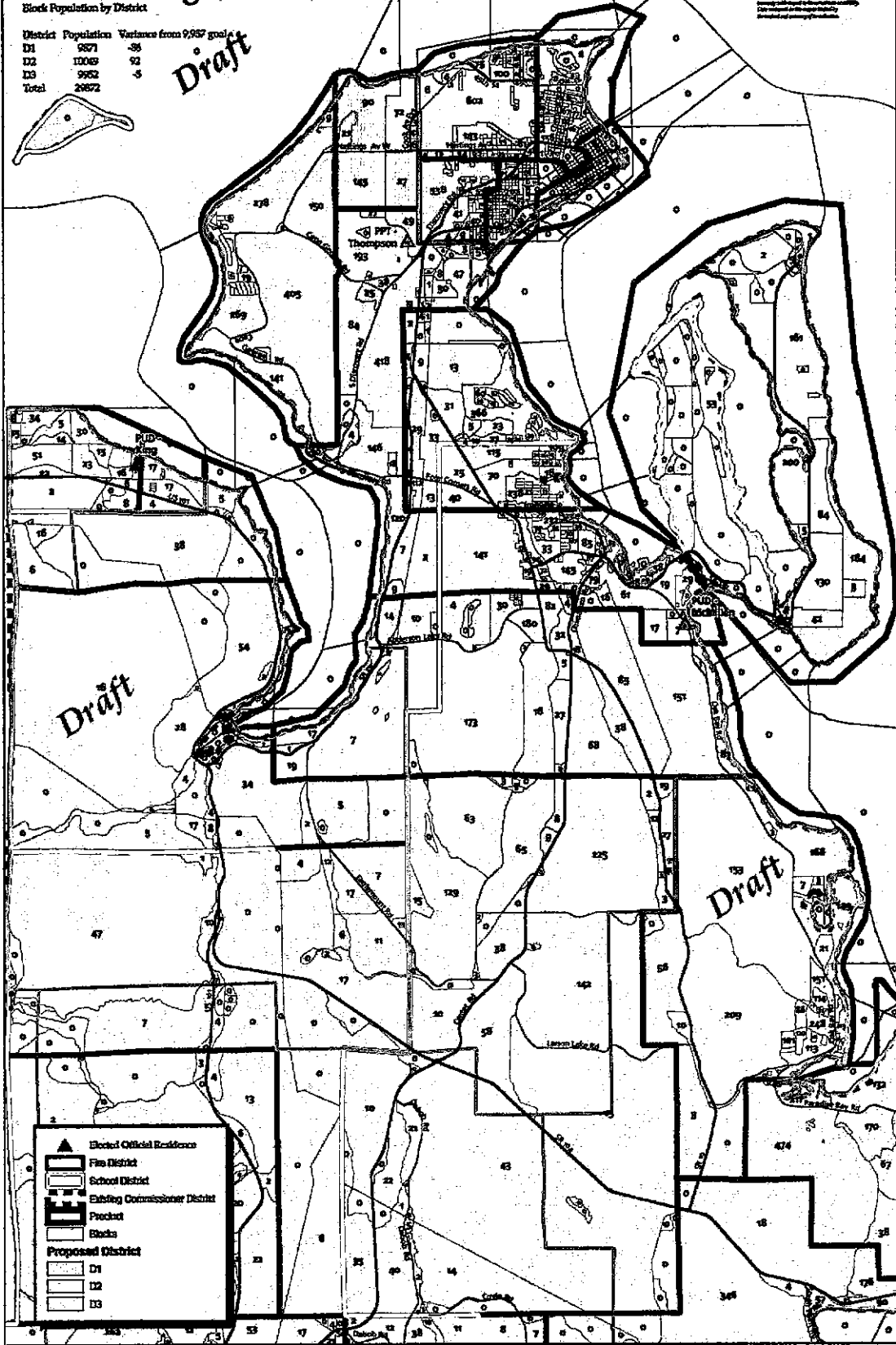
East Jefferson County Redistricting Alternative A

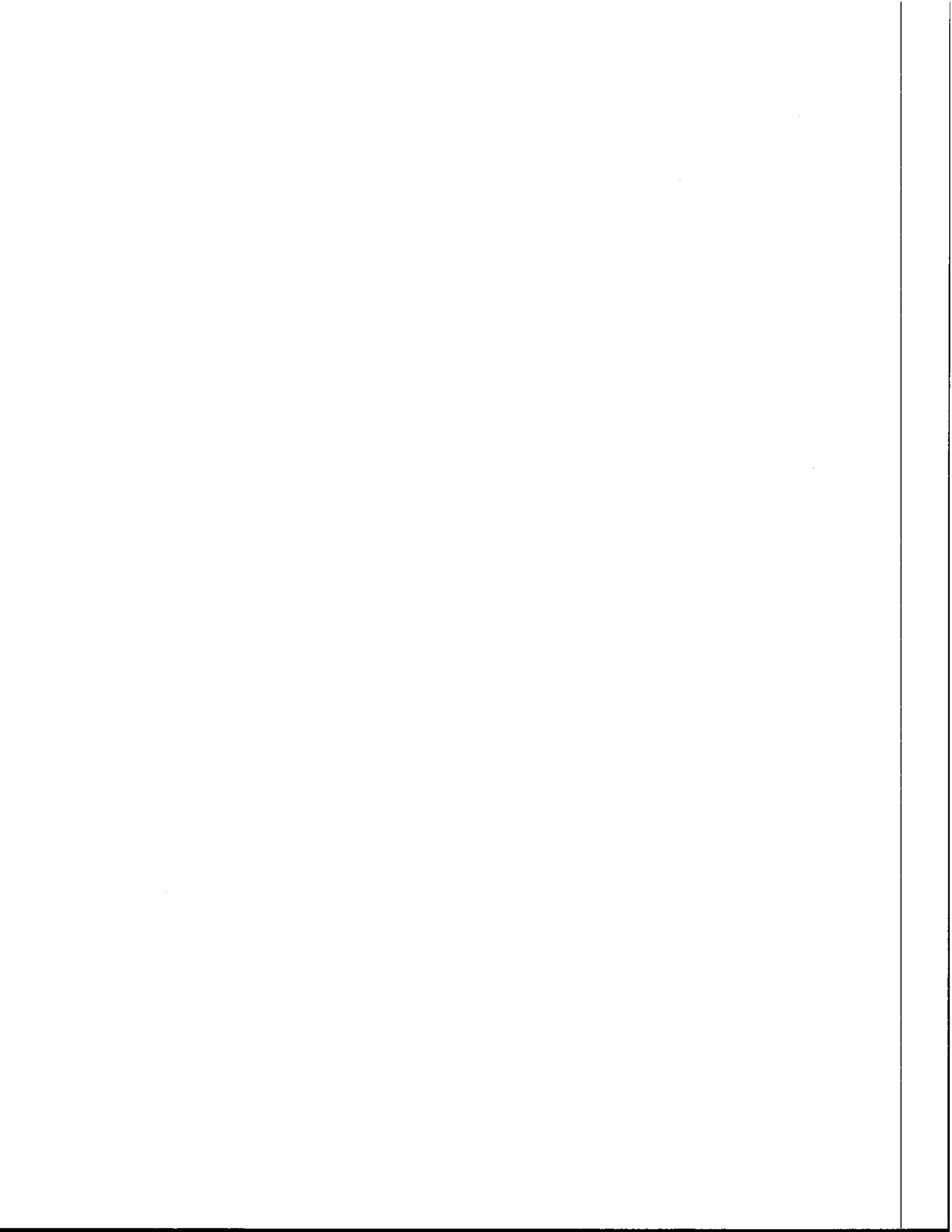
Block Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9371	-58
D2	10049	92
D3	9952	-5
Total	29372	

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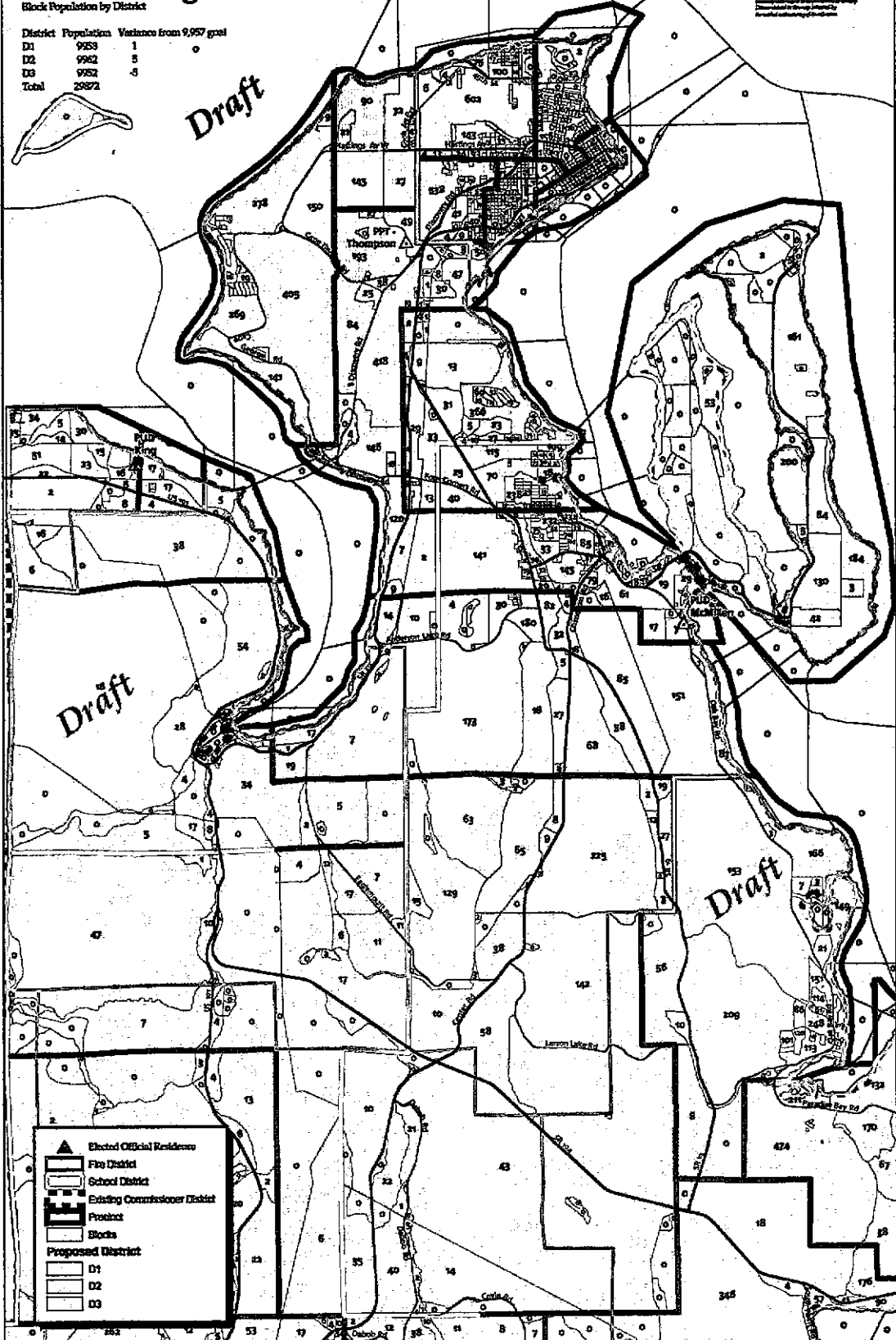


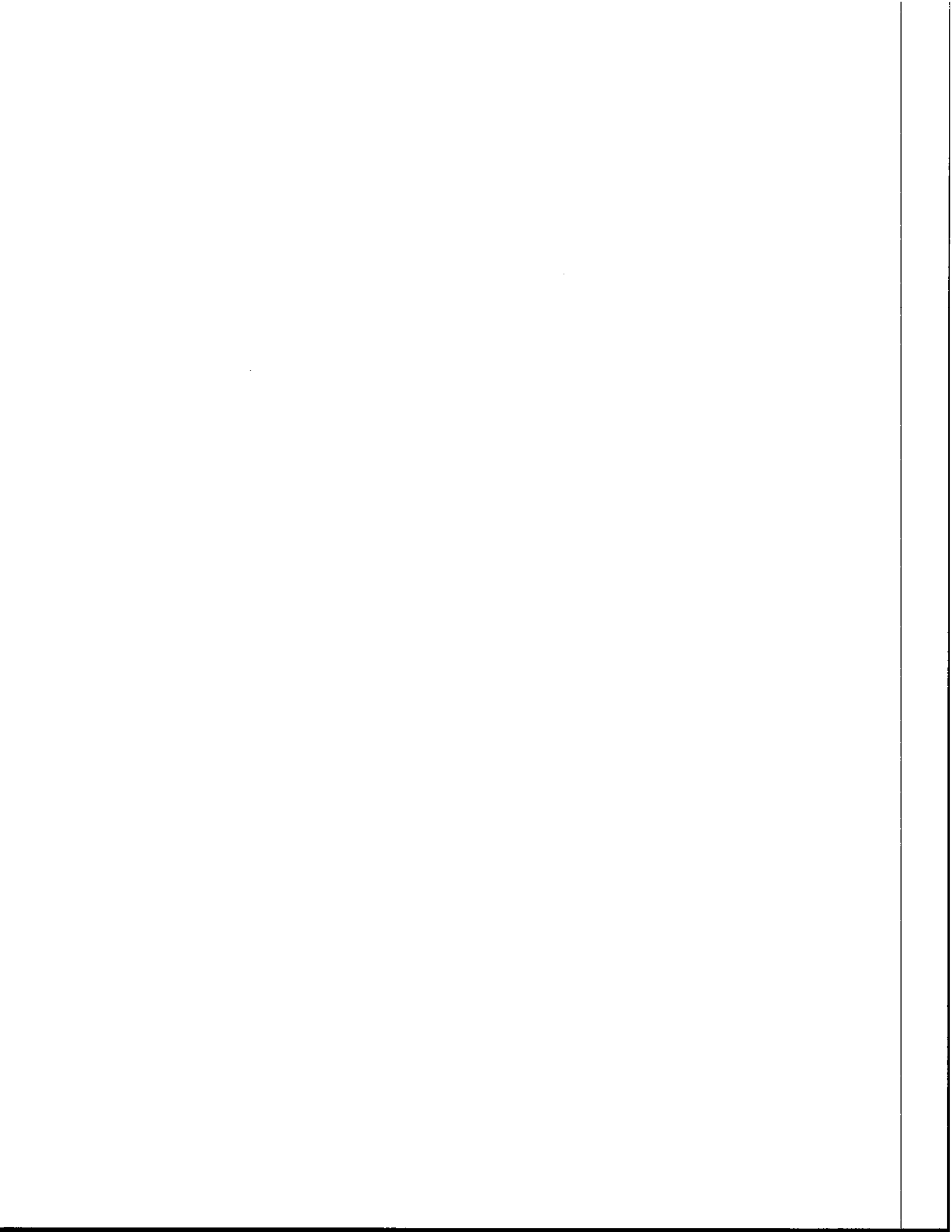
East Jefferson County Redistricting Alternative B

Black Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9259	-1
D2	9962	+5
D3	9521	-4
Total	28742	

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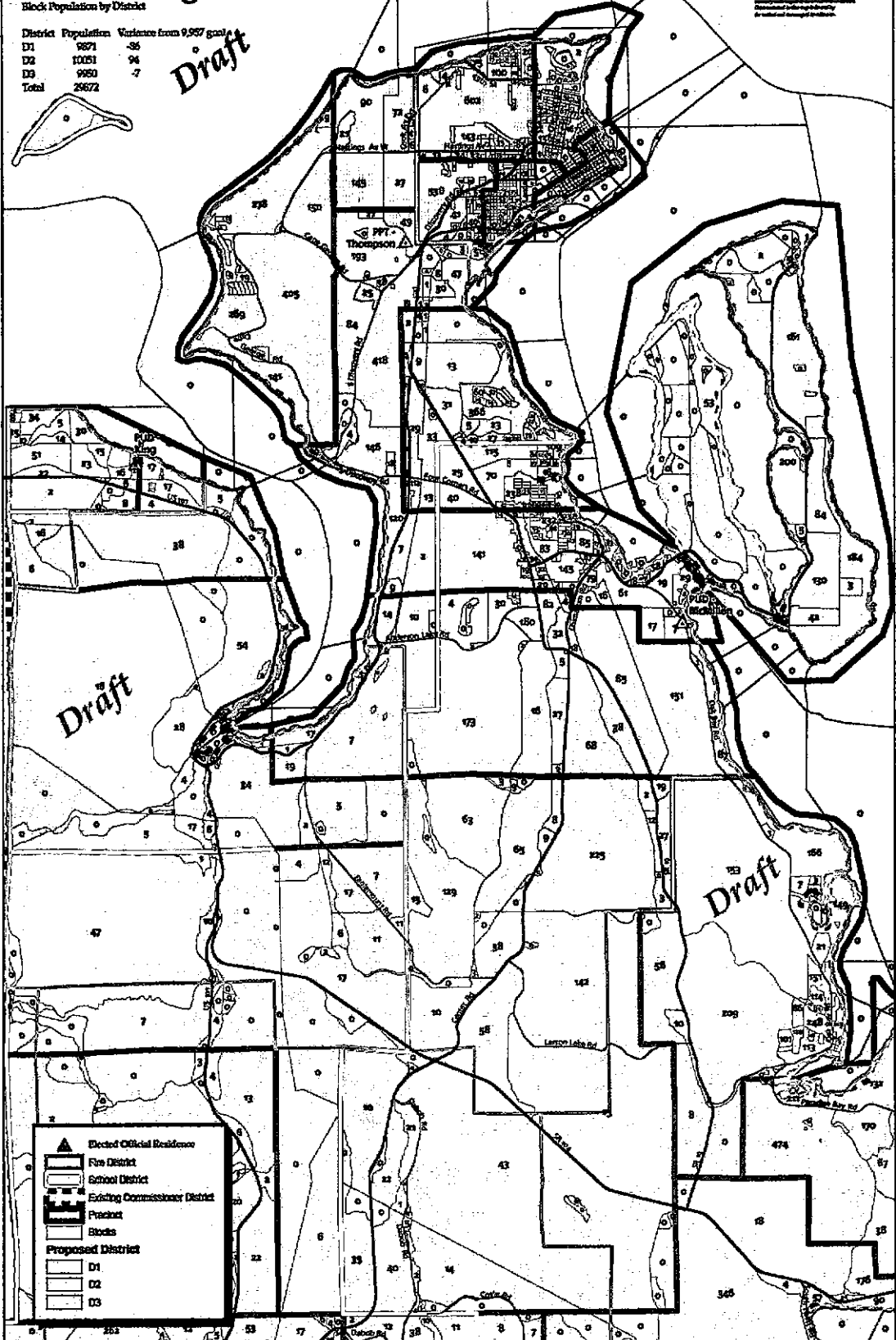
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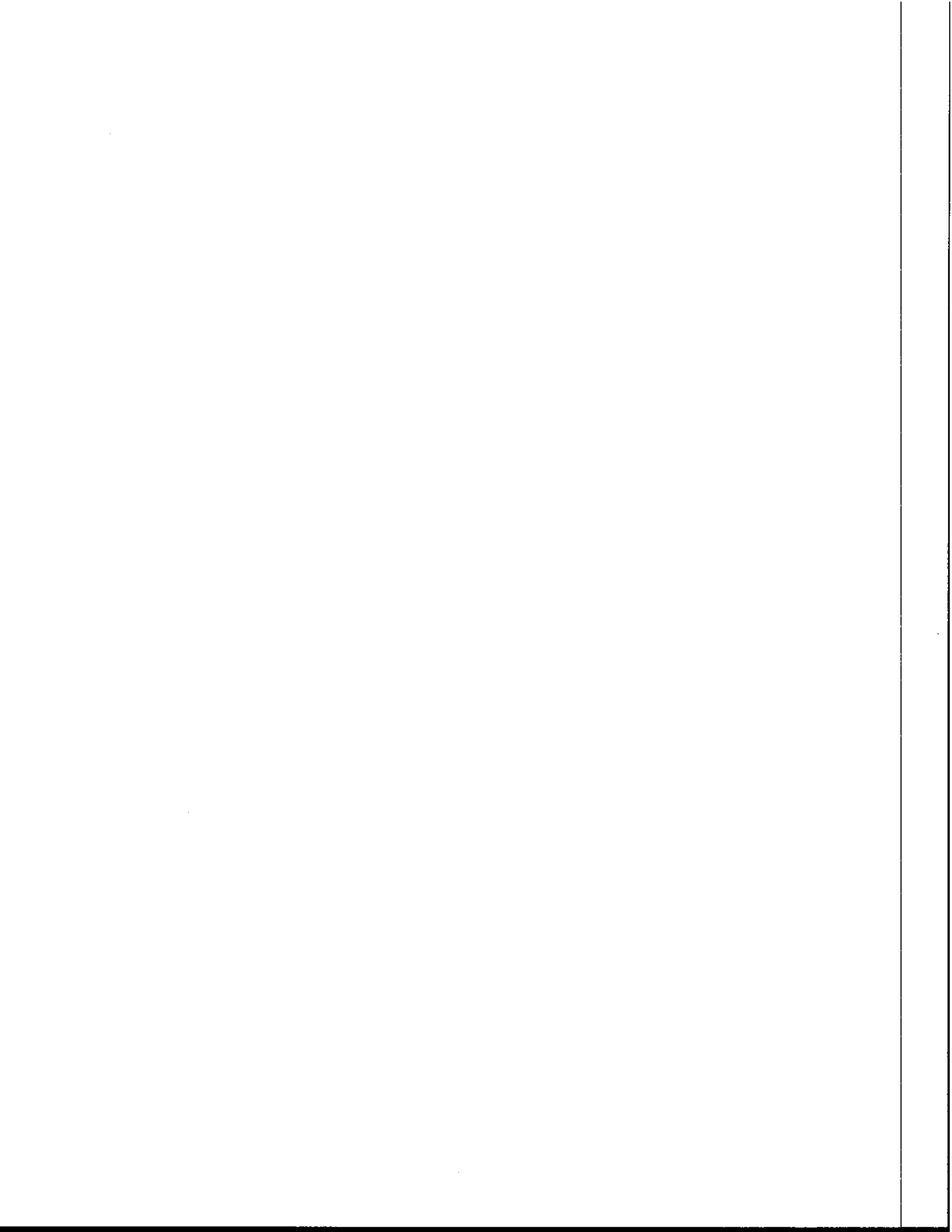
Block Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9871	-56
D2	10051	94
D3	9950	-7
Total	29872	

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As of 12/31/2010, the population of East Jefferson County is 29,872. The population of the County is divided into 1,000 blocks. The population of each block is shown on this map. The population of each district is shown in the table above. The population of each block is shown on this map. The population of each district is shown in the table above.



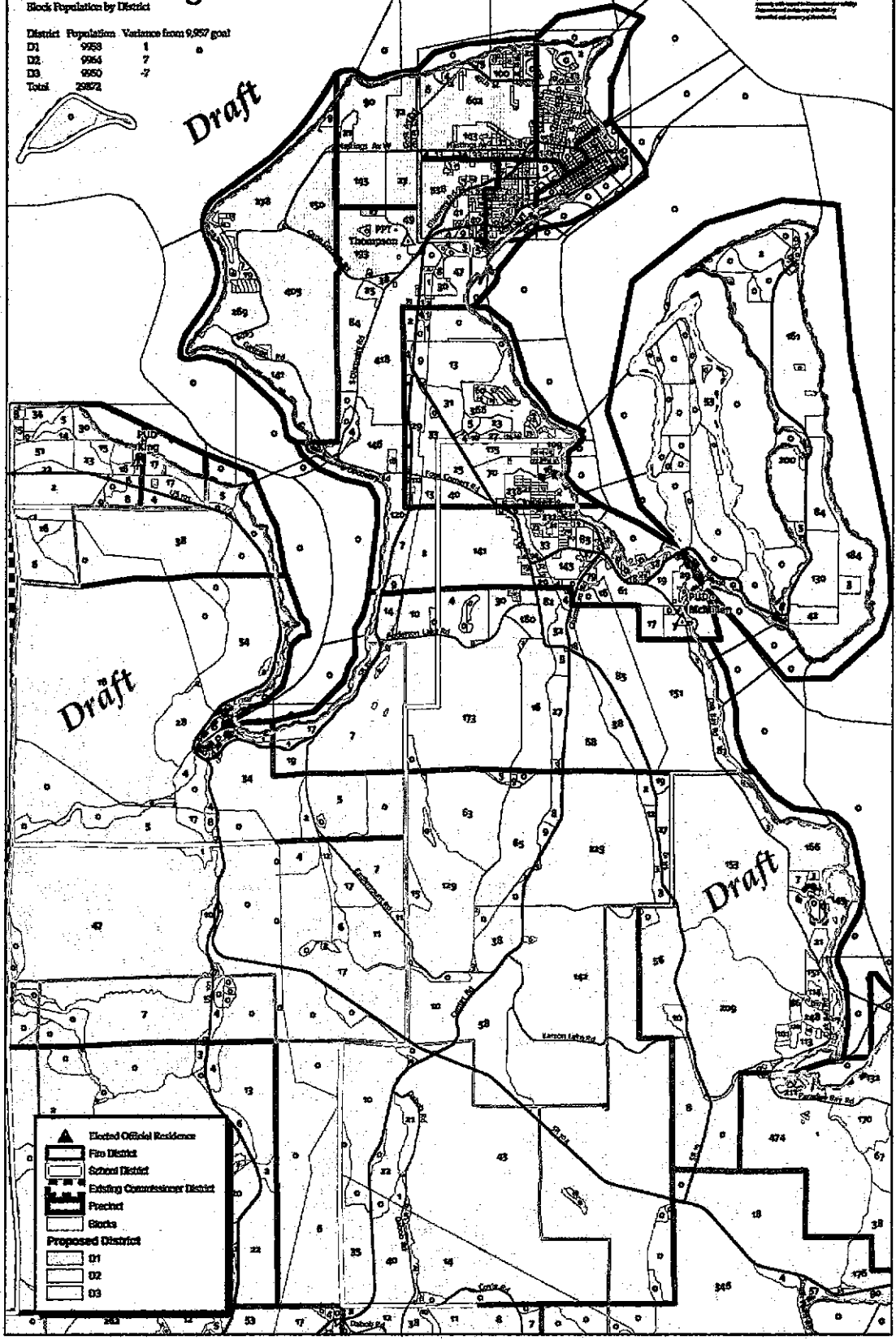


East Jefferson County Redistricting Alternative D

Block Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9958	+1
D2	9964	+7
D3	9950	-7
Total	29872	

Map of East Jefferson County, Louisiana, showing the proposed redistricting plan for Alternative D. The map includes the following information:
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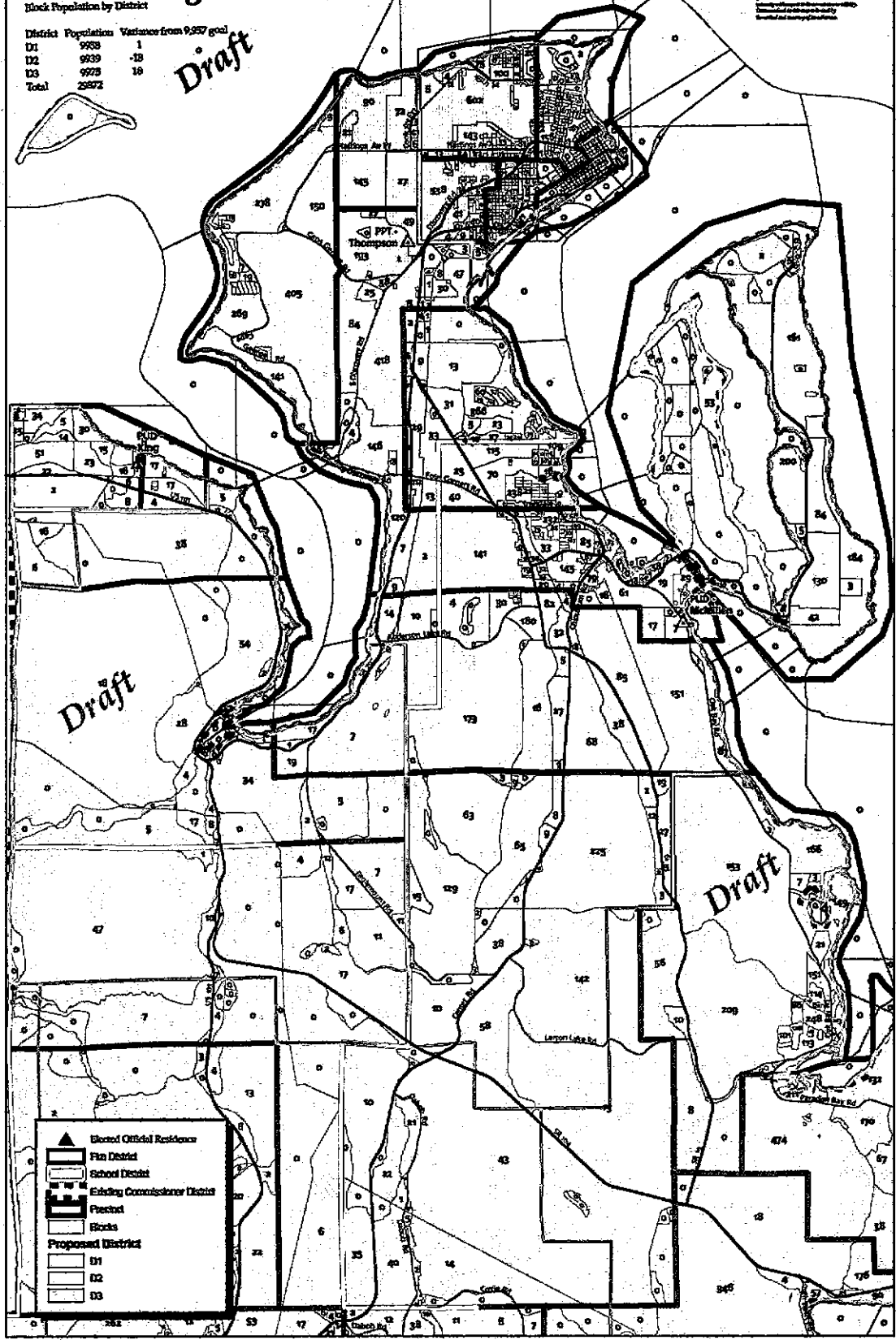
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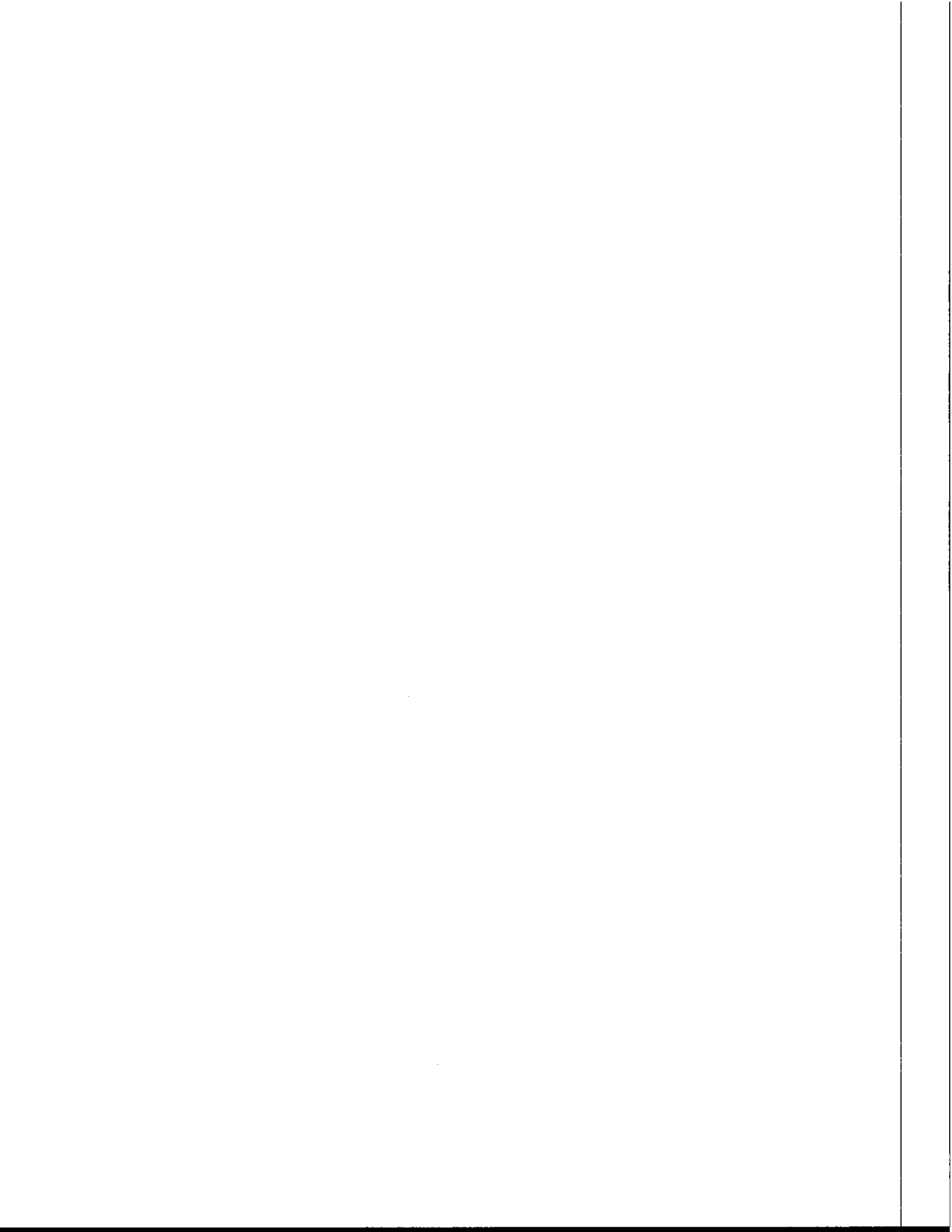
Black Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9938	1
D2	9839	-18
D3	9928	19
Total	29672	

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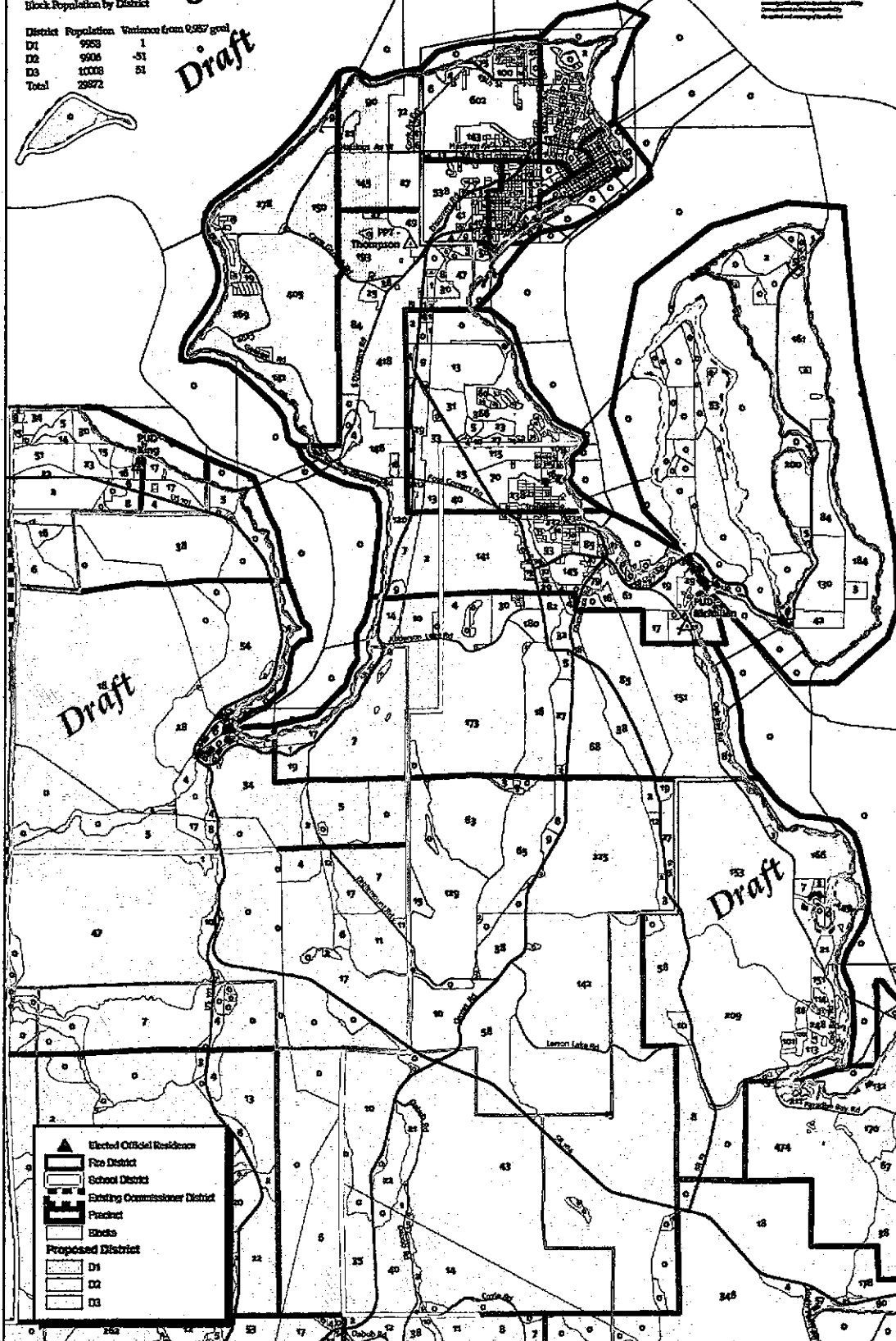
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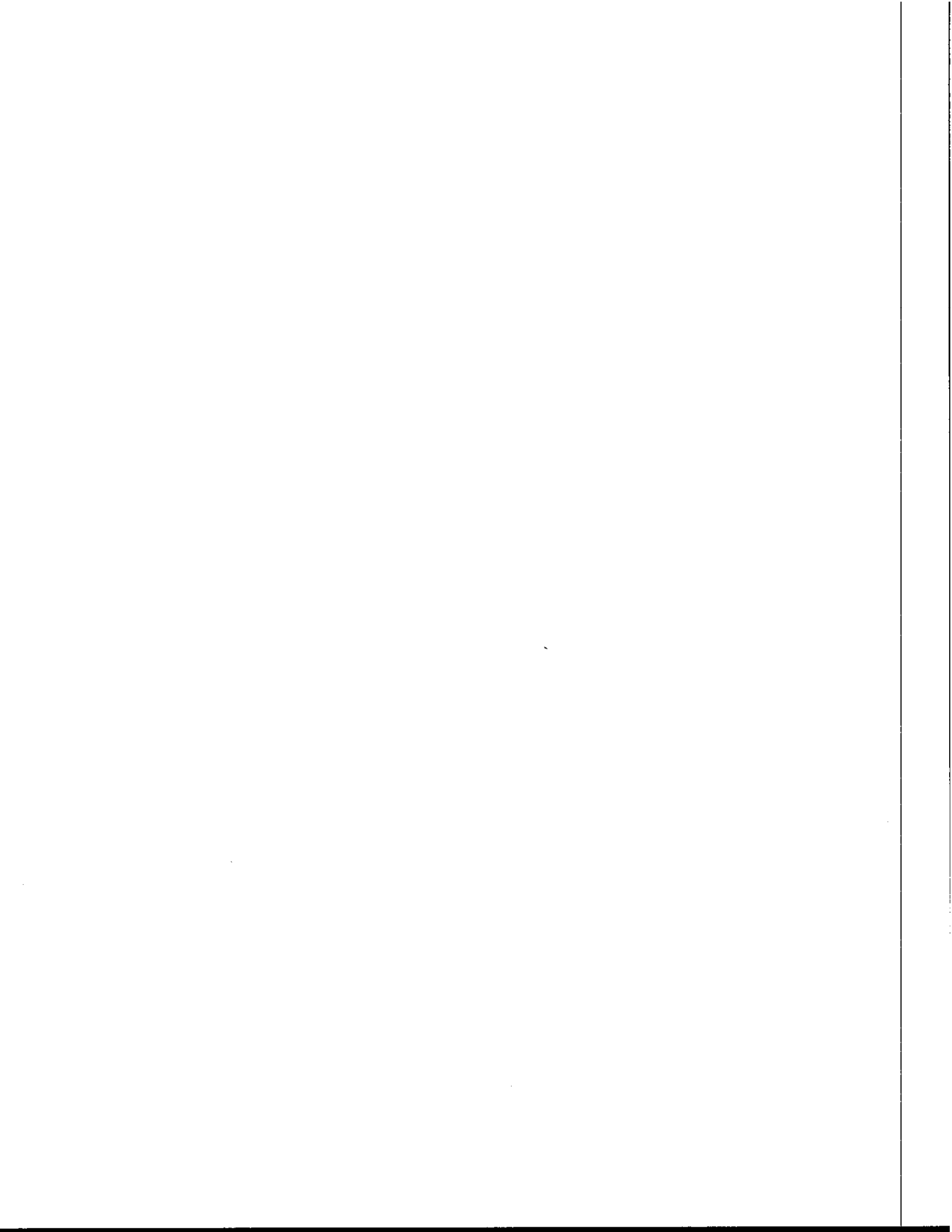
Black Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 29872 goal
D1	9983	1
D2	9906	-51
D3	11008	51
Total	29897	

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East Jefferson County Redistricting Alternative G

Block Population by District

District	Population	Variance from 9,957 goal
D1	9958	1
D2	9931	-26
D3	9893	26
Total	29672	

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