

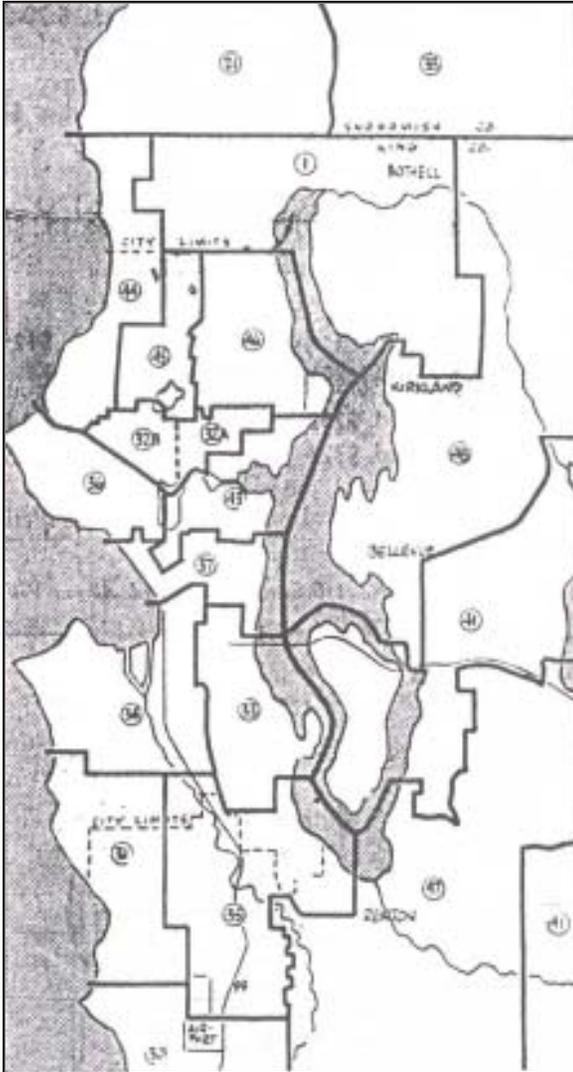
## REAPPORTIONMENT:

# The 'New Look' in Legislative Districts



MAP SHOWS NEW STATE DISTRICTS AND SUBDIVISIONS

# New King County Redistricting Bill Dooms Districts Shown At Least 11 Legislators



THIS IS HOW THE LEGISLATORS DIVIDED KING COUNTY

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27. --- (UPI) ---The state's new redistricting law means certain political death to at least five senators and six representatives. It probably will lead to the defeat of several other lawmakers as well.

Governor Evans signed the measure yesterday after it was passed by the House.

The bill treats most harshly Senators Robert Charette, Democrat, Aberdeen, and William Raugust, Republican, Odessa. They will not be in the Senate for at least two years after the 1966 election.

The terms of Charette and Raugust expire after the 1966 election, but they now live in districts which will not have a senatorial election until 1968.

Three other new districts have two incumbent senators each. At least one will lose his seat in each district.

However, in those districts, the terms of the incumbents expire at the same time so each will have a fighting chance to hold his job.

Senators Wilbur Hallauer, Democrat, Oroville, and David MacMillan, Democrat, Colville, are in the new 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Senators Frank Atwood, Republican, Bellingham, and Ernest Lennart, Republican, Everson, are in the new 42<sup>nd</sup> District; Senators Dewey Donhoe, Democrat, Dayton, and Herbert Freise, Republican, Walla Walla, are in the new 11<sup>th</sup> District.

THE BILL also means that six representatives will lose their jobs although all will have a chance to keep them in a "low-man-out" election in 1966.

Representatives Maurice Ahlquist, Republican, Touchet, and Ben Taplin, Democrat, Clarkston, are in a single-member district.

Representatives Eric Anderson, Democrat, Hoquiam; Jack Burtch, Democrat, Aberdeen, and Chet King, Democrat, Raymond, are in a district with two House seats. In addition, if Charette wants to stay in the Legislature he could run for the House from that district.

Representatives Paul Conner, Democrat, Port Angeles; W.S. Traylor, Democrat, Port Angeles, and Charles Savage, Democrat, Shelton are in the same two-member district.

Representatives Art Avey, Democrat, Kettle Falls, and Frank Slagle, Democrat, Colville, are in the same one-member district. Representatives Joe Haussler, Democrat, Omak and Horace Bozarth, Democrat, Mansfield, are in a one-member district.

The bill creates 49 senatorial districts. Seven are subdivided into single-member House districts. Forty-one districts have two House seats, and one district has three House seats.

The coveted three-representative district went to Whatcom County. The county now has three House members spread over two districts. So it will lose one senator but no representatives.

THE BILL transfers two Senate seats and three House seats from Eastern to Western Washington. King County gets two more legislative districts, and Snohomish County gets a little more than one more district.

Grays Harbor County was divided by the bill, with the western part being combined with the Pacific County into the 19<sup>th</sup> District and the eastern part being joined with Lewis County in the 20<sup>th</sup> District.

In addition to the lawmakers who are sure to lose their seats because of redistricting, several other will lose out. They are Democrats who find themselves in predominately Republican districts and Republicans who are now living in Democratic-leaning districts. No one can be positive now just how many lawmakers will find it impossible to win from their new districts.