# Redistricting changes appear minor as plan nears completion

It looks as if Republicans Carl Pursell of Plymouth and William Broomfield of Bir-ningham will have very safe congressional districts in which to seek re-election this

fall.

A Democrat — particularly state Sen.
Doug Ross of Southfield — will have an excellent shot at the new 17th Congressional
District seat being vacated by four-term incumbent William Brodhead of northwest
Detroit.
Democrat William Ford of Taylor will
see a few new edges on his 15th District in
western Wayne County, but most of it will
be familiar territory.

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conclusions seem safe.
What little courtroom debate still going
on is over alignment of districts in the western part of the state, around forand Rapids
(5th) and Musicagon (Burea available Wedneston and Musicagon (Burea available Wedneston) or explain how two large suburban citles — Troy and Livonia — will be sliced up
into new districts.
Most of Troy will be in Broomfield's new
18th District, and a small part will be in
Curtis Hertel's 14th District. The original
legislative bill which the federal court is
pondering identifies neighborhoods only by
census tract numbers, not by streets.
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District, will find listelf split between the
2nd and 15th. In the 15th will be all the area
south of the 1-56 freeway and the area south
of Five Mile between Levan and somewhere
around Farmington Road, according to the

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HERE IS a description of the new congressional districts in the Oakland and Wayne county suburbs:

2nd District — 21 square miles of northern Livonia, Northville city and township, and Plymouth city and township in western Wayne County; two townships in Branch County, all of Hillsdale County, 17 townships and the city of Jackson in Jackson County, part of Adrian and 16 townships in Lenawee County, And Townships in Washleam County.

Lenawee County, Ann Arbor and 16 townships in Washleaw County.

The deletion of southern Livonia, Monroe County and Yopsilanti from his district is good news for Pursell. The addition of the outstate counties and the townships in Washleaw County will also help him. And he is looking forward to campaigning in Hillsdale, where a sister lives.

12th District — Parts of Macomb and St. Clair counties. A portion of Oakland County in the Rochester area has been deleted. In-cumbent Democrat David Bonior seems safe.

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will include the cities of Belleville, Dear-born Heights (part), Wayne, Taylor, Southgate and Romulus and the townships of Huron and Van Buren. From Washtenaw County, it will add the cities of Milan, Sa-line and Ypsilanti and the townships of Augusta, Superior, York and Ypsilanti. 17th District — Generally, Brodhead's district becomes more suburban because of Detroit's population loss. In Wayne County, it will include less of northwest Detroit and continue to include all of Redford Town-ship, adding Inkster and part of Dearborn Heights.

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In Oakland County, the new 17th will continue to include Southfield and Lathrup Village but drop the two Farmingtons. It will pick up Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Royal Oak city and township.

Much of the new district is already in Ross' state Senate district. Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Detroit, has also been known to harbor compressional ambilitions.

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18th District — Because incubment Democrat James Blanchard of Pleasant Ridge is running for governor, his old district was largely carved up. Michigan must lose one of its 19 congressional seats because of national population shifts, and Blanchard's district was everyone's first

choice.

The new 18th actually looks more like Broomfield's old 19th. In Livingston County, it will include Brighton city and township and Green Oak Township. In Oakland it will lose Pontiac and some of the northwest townships, which are being shifted into the 6th District.

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Oakland communities in the 18th will be the eities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Barmington Hills, Keego Harbor, Northville (Oakland portion), Novi, Orchard Lake, Bochester, South Lyon, Sylvan Lake, mest of Troy, Walled Lake and Wiscon and the townships of Avon, Bloomfield, Commerce, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Oakland, Orion, Pontiac, Southfield (the villages area) and West Bloomfield.

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