

Dems may try to reapportion Senate

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While few political observers expect Democrats to try to reapportion the Michigan Senate, a minority member says it's a real possibility — and that three freshman Republicans have been targeted.

"There are revised plans completed by the Democratic staff. I can't believe they're doing it for exercise," said state Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield.

He was interviewed in the wake of a voter recall of Sen. Philip O. Mastin, D-Pontiac. Democrats reportedly have issued repeated oral threats that if Mastin went down, they would reapportion the Senate in order to win back some seats in 1986.

FESSLER, WHO comes from a fairly safe western Oakland district, believes Democratic targets are:

- Doug Cruce, R-Troy. Cruce, 35, won the 18th District seat, formerly Democratic, after one term in the House.

- Norman Shinkle, R-Lambertville. With no prior legislative exposure, Shinkle, 32, represents a district encompassing Monroe and Lenawee counties.
- Paul Henry, R-Grand Rapids. A former two-term state representative, Henry, 40, has a district that includes Michigan's second largest city and eastern Kent County.

HOW WOULD it work against Cruce? Fessler said, "My district (17th) might be enlarged to take in Birmingham and increase my Republican voting strength, and Cruce (18th District) would lose that Republican base."

"They could shift some of Mastin's district (8) west to Brandon, Groveland and Springfield townships, then perhaps take the Pontiac Township area

and put it in Cruce's to make it more Democratic."

"Or they could move Jack Faxon (15) into Lyon, Milford and Commerce and put some of Oak Park into Cruce's," Fessler said, noting that area had helped elect Democratic senators Doug Ross and Daniel Cooper during the '70s.

Fessler, though a freshman senator himself, feels secure because his district is so strongly Republican and he had four terms of public exposure as a state representative.

ANY EFFORT to reapportion will have to come this week.

The 1982 election gave Democrats a 20-18 majority. Mastin will leave office as soon as his recall is certified, probably sometime during the week. And on Wednesday, Macomb County voters are scheduled to decide whether to recall Sen. David Serotkin, D-Mt. Clemens, who, like Mastin, voted to increase the state personal income tax rate by 1.75 percent.

Actually, Mastin's vote is unnecessary, Faxon said. With Mastin gone, a Senate majority is only 19 (more than half of the senators "elected and serving"). With a 63-47 majority in the House and a Democratic governor, Democrats could easily reapportion the Senate — theoretically, at least.

The 1982 reapportionment, approved by the state Supreme Court was drawn up by former elections director Bernard Apol. Its districts are more compact and less sprawling than the Democratic plan which the high court approved in 1972.

But Democrats have always considered Apol's plan a "Republican" plan. And the court said the Legislature is free to adopt another one if its districts are more nearly equal in population.

FAXON SAID it's common knowledge a new redistricting plan has been drawn.

"But maybe only two or three people

know what's in it," Faxon said. "I imagine it was done deliberately so that no one would have an answer (for reporters)."

"I've seen one for my area. Yes, it's good. My (current) district is overpopulated by 18,000 or 20,000. If (the new map) would make some reductions. But it won't affect me politically. And I have no idea what the timetable is."

Senate Majority Leader William Faust, D-Westland, could not be reached for comment. Faust reportedly has the reapportionment plan.

Some experts think, however, that Democrats may be hesitant to vote for a one-sided reapportionment plan because the vote could be turned into another recall issue.

SEN. R. ROBERT Geake, R-Northville, doubts reapportionment will be attempted.

"There was some saber rattling," he said. "We were told that if Republicans participated in recall efforts, the Democrats would reapportion us into oblivion. But we've been scrupulously honest when we said we would not take part in recall efforts."

The exception was Brooks (Oakland County) Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, who supported the Mastin recall and chastised fellow Republicans for failing to do so.

But Brooks isn't a legislator. Individual Republicans may have supported recall, but not the party.

Geake said Democrats cannot necessarily count on their 19 remaining Senate votes to pass a reapportionment plan.

What about Sen. Harry DeMaso, the

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Battle Creek Republican who joined 19 Democrats to help pass the income tax increase? DeMaso is reported to have good access to Gov. James J. Blanchard. Can Republicans count on him to oppose reapportionment?

Geake admitted DeMaso is less than popular in the party. "The only reason he was not kicked out of the Republican caucus was that he was needed for (opposing) reapportionment. We didn't want to push him to the Democrats."



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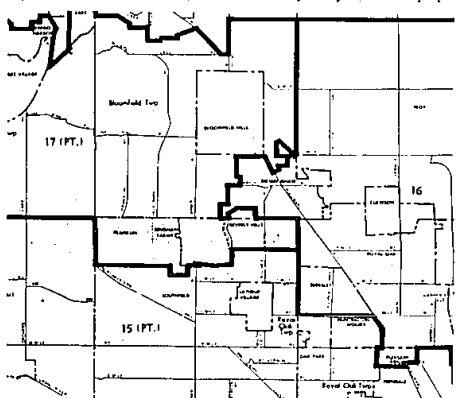
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