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# Delegate clarifies math used in House redistricting

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CHARLESTON — House Select Committee on Redistricting member Barbara Evans Fleischauer, D-Monongalia, clarified some of the math that led to adding a fifth delegate to the 44th District, but still didn't quite take in the whole county.

The 44th would become the 50th under the proposed new numbering system. While the 50th picks up Mon County territory now represented by Marion's 43rd, two small chunks of Mon to the west and southeast remain in other districts.

Those two areas had been represented by delegates from the 5th and 42nd for years; and in the case of western Mon, the 5th District delegate actu-

ally lives closer than the Morgantown delegates. For those reasons it worked best to keep their representation as is.

Based on 2010 census figures, the ideal House district would hold 18,530 people; that can vary by plus or minus 5 percent.

Mon County's total 2010 population is 96,189. Divided by five, the resulting number is too high to fall within the 5 percent deviation for a district's maximum population.

That meant, Fleischauer said, that those two chunks couldn't be absorbed into the 50th.

Mon's fourth delegate, Democrat Tony Barill, wasn't available for comment Monday when the plan was unveiled, but said Tuesday, "I'm thrilled to have a fifth delegate."