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Regarding: Senate

Message:

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Want to know what they did to the Park Cities where I live? They reached deep into Dallas county from SD- 12 to pluck them out and then expanded into Wise county -population 73,384 (Dallas county population is 2,647,850) and removed a bunch of Denton county from it. What do the residents in a couple of affluent suburban areas close to downtown Dallas have in common with the residents of rural Wise County? Nothing, nada, not a thing. The old SD 16 now looks like a convoluted barbell and reaches from one side of Dallas all the way across to the other side because of course Irving/Grand Prairie are the same as Mesquite and Balch Springs. The town of Richardson seems to be split between 3 different senate districts.

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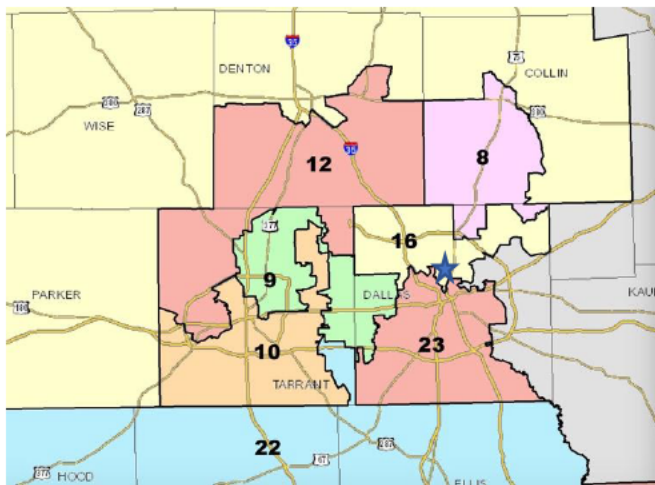
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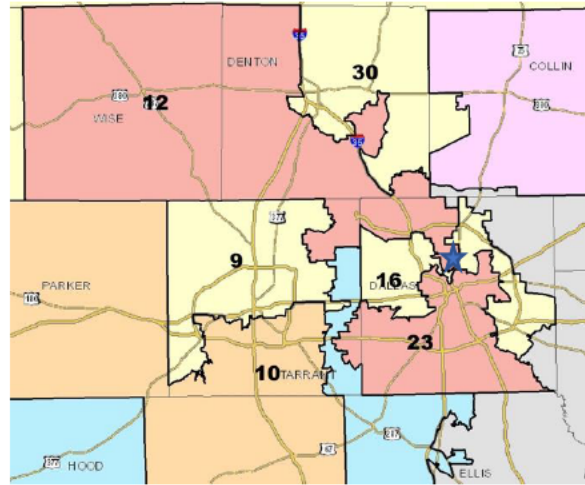
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Old districts



New districts



Links to district viewer- <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/>

Nathan Johnson’s original bill- <https://legiscan.com/TX/text/SJR54/id/2330123>