

Two of Arkansas' most populous counties could be divided into different congressional districts by one of the latest redistricting proposals being considered by the legislature. Today's (Tues) discussion focused on a map proposed by Senator Jane English, a Republican of North Little Rock. Senate Bill 743 would divide both Pulaski County and Sebastian County into separate congressional districts. Republican Senator Mathew Pitsch of Fort Smith spoke against it.

NEWS20 0:16 "...that's being done."

Sebastian County, which includes Fort Smith, has been split into two districts for the past decade, since the previous redistricting. Senator Linda Chesterfield, a Democrat of Little Rock, also argued against the proposal.

NEWS21 0:18 "...of Pulaski County."

The proposed map would place parts of Pulaski County into three separate congressional districts. Proponents of the bill argue it's necessary to divide heavily populated counties in order to make sure each congressional district has approximately the same number of people represented.