

Spokane County Auditors Office Synopsis of Precinct Changes for 2009

Precinct boundary changes occur for primarily three reasons:

- to codify a statutory change in the boundary, such as annexation or agreement among jurisdictions,
- to change the number of registered voters in the precinct to make management of elections more effective
- to correct an error.

Statutory Change

City of Airway Heights

On June 12th 2008 the Boundary Review Board notified the Elections Department of an Annexation to Airway Heights, BRB 615-07. By statute, precinct changes can not be made until after the certification of the November General Election and any recounts. Precinct changes to Airway Heights include two real estate property parcels added to **precinct 7100** and removed from **precinct 7006**. No voters were affected.

City of Spokane / Spokane County

On December 3, 2008 the Boundary Review Board notified the Elections Department of a Boundary Line Adjustment between the City of Spokane and Spokane County. **Precincts 4101** and **4016** were affected. New legal descriptions were been written. No voters were affected.

Number of Registered Voters

To manage precincts effectively, our office policy is that precincts should not exceed 2,000 active registered voters. Eight precincts had reached or approached that limit.

City of Liberty Lake

Precinct 4300 had 2163 active voters in 3 portions. The precinct was separated using Molter Road. This created precinct 4300 with 922 active voters and a new precinct 4302 with 2 portions and 1195 active voters.

Precinct 4301 had 1691 active voters. The precinct was also separated using Molter Road. This created precinct 4301 with 1061 active voters in 2 portions and a new precinct 4303 with 687 active voters.

The **City of Liberty Lake** now has 4 precincts with 3854 active voters and growing.

City of Spokane Valley

Precinct 4410 had 2031 active voters. The precinct was separated into 3 precincts. Using Bowdish and Pines as the new added boundaries, precinct 4410 now lies between Bowdish and Pines with 2 portions and 973 active voters, new precinct 4442 lies between University and Bowdish with 650 active voters and new precinct 4443 lies between Pines and McDonald with 413 active voters.

Precinct 4428 had 2001 active voters. The precinct was separated into 2 precincts using Barker Road as the new boundary. West of Barker Road will remain precinct 4428 with 1034 active voters and east of Barker will be the new precinct 4444 with 967 active voters.

City of Spokane

Precinct 6105 had 1995 active voters. The new boundary runs up Austin Road to Strong Road to create a new precinct 6152. Precinct 6105 now has 867 active voters and new precinct 6152 has 1128 active voters while. There are no splits in these precincts.

Precinct 6116 had 2177 active voters. The separation occurs at Helena and Pittsburg. Precinct 6116 now has 1300 active voters and the new precinct 6153 would have 800 active voters. There are no splits in these precincts.

Precinct 6151 had 1965 active voters with two splits. Using the Cheney School District boundary creates precinct 6154 with 600+ active voters and creates new precinct 6151 with 1300 active voters. All of the active voters north of the Cheney School District Boundary would go into **precinct 6133** which had 1193 active voters and would change to 1491 active voters.

Correction to Legislative District Boundary

In late January, Nick Pharris, Redistricting Project Manager, Office of the Secretary of State, informed our office of a correction for the 3rd Legislative District. Two census blocks from the 2000 census were placed in the wrong district. **Precinct 3133** will gain 28 active voters and **Precinct 6132** will lose those 28 active voters.