

that School Board District III will include Election District 17 in its entirety and at the same time provides that the specially described area is to be included in School Board District II, part of that specially described area will have been placed in two school board districts.

The remainder and largest portion of the specially described area consists principally of all or part of precincts 1 through 5 of Election District 16 and apparently** includes a small portion of precinct 8 of Election District 2. Precincts 1 and 2 of Election District 16 are purportedly included in School Board District IV as a consequence of paragraph (iv), whereas precincts 3, 4 and 5 of Election District 16 are explicitly included within School Board District II pursuant to paragraph (ii).*** While there is thus an inconsistency with respect to precincts 1 and 2, precincts 3, 4 and 5 are included in School Board District II as a consequence of both the specific reference to those precincts and their inclusion within the specially described area.

We are attaching a map provided to us by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws which indicates the boundary lines of the areas and districts involved.

While, as we have indicated, Senate Bill 863 leaves a number of inconsistencies and inaccuracies relative to the school board district lines, it is undeniably true that the present law is likewise inaccurate and incorrect in its description of the boundary lines. The one respect in which Senate Bill 863 can be said to compound the problem is with respect to the relatively small portion of the specially described area which is in fact a part of Election District 17. As a consequence of the change made to paragraph (iii) beginning at line 129 of the Bill, that small area would be included in both School Board District II and School Board District III. Otherwise Senate Bill 863 does not compound the problems discussed above.****

We should note that this letter is based on information furnished to us by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. We have no independent and direct knowledge of the precise boundaries of the areas in question.

Very truly yours,
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* As we noted in our bill review approval letter of