

POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Policy No.: **BD-19**

Subject: **Redistricting Guidelines**

Objective: To establish criteria for the board of directors to use in determining when it is necessary to redraw the boundaries of director districts. This policy clarifies Article 5, Section 3(a) of the bylaws, which states, "...if it should be found that inequalities in representation have developed which can be corrected by redrawing the delineation of districts, the board of directors shall reconstitute the districts so that each shall contain as nearly as possible the same number of members."

Policy: Article 5, Section 3(a) of the bylaws shall be interpreted to mean that, whenever the difference between the number of cooperative members in the largest district exceeds the number of cooperative members in the smallest district by more than 4% of the total number of cooperative members, district boundaries shall be redrawn to reduce that difference to less than 4%.

Example A:

Total Members:	19,859
4% threshold of total members:	794
Largest District:	2,650
Smallest District:	1,918
Difference between largest and smallest:	732

In this example, redistricting would not be required because 732 is below the threshold number of 794.

Example B:

Total Members:	19,859
4% threshold of total members:	794
Largest District:	2,745
Smallest District:	1,938
Difference between largest and smallest:	807

In this example, redistricting would be required because 807 is above the threshold number of 794.

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