

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Your recommendations to the Alberta Legislature for the addition of another 4 MLA's is ridiculous at best. We have too much government already in this province. BC gets along with a similar number of MLA's while having almost one million more residents. Alberta already has more MLA's per capita than any other province in this country. The number of residents in an electoral division is irrelevant as long as they are all of similar sizes. If there are 42,000 or 82,000 matters little. We should be revising it down to the 50 to 60 seat range. When you include the cost of staffing, office accommodation and expenses for the addition four MLA's, it will add up to 1-2 million dollars a year. In a time when we should be reducing frivolous costs, this is outrageous. There are other ways to keep the balance such as weighted votes by the size of the riding.

I meet with many people each week in my job and when this subject comes up for discussion, I have not yet met a single soul who agrees with what you are proposing and in fact most agree with the idea of reducing the number of MLA's. This is one more reason why the Conservatives are losing votes to the Wildrose Alliance. The people of the province do not want more government .....period!

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