

# Coates and a portion of Lakeville added to Apple Valley-Rosemount area Senate district

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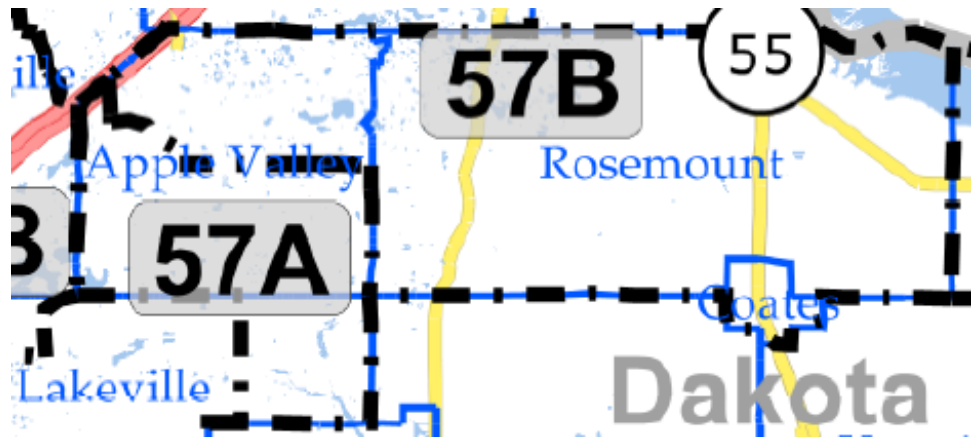
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At least voters in the Apple Valley and Rosemount area won't have too much difficulty remembering the number of their new Senate district.

They just need to add 20 to it.

The old Senate District 37 has been transformed into District 57 and has a few changes in store.



The new district, shaped by a specially appointed court panel's redistricting plan that was released Tuesday, largely stays the same except for:

- its House district boundary dividing line,
- the addition of Coates and a northeast portion of Lakeville,
- and the removal of a southeast portion of Burnsville.

Current state Sen. Chris Gerlach and Reps. Tara Mack and Kurt Bills will be roughly serving the same constituency.

One difference will be the way Apple Valley is divided into House districts 57A and B.

The current line runs north-south, while the new line will run east-west.

District 57B now includes a northern portion of Apple Valley, while 57A has a south portion and the added Lakeville area.

Other changes in Lakeville leave a state House district for the taking by creating a vacancy in House District 58A, which will represent a large portion of Lakeville.

The vacancy was created because Republican state Rep. Mary Liz Holberg, who lives in the northern part of Lakeville, now resides in House District 56B, which includes the southern portion of Burnsville, too.

One other area House member will see her district change quite a bit.

Republican Rep. Pam Myhra's new district (56A) now includes Savage and the southwest portion of Burnsville. Her old district (40A) took in much of Burnsville and only a portion of eastern Savage.

Among the other changes are:

- The current Senate District 38 essentially has become the new District 51. House districts 51A

and 51B generally follow the same lines as their old 38 counterparts with the exception of the dividing line now running along Interstate 35E from north to south until it reaches the southwest corner of Eagan. At that point, 51B takes in a portion of Eagan west of I-35E. District 51A takes in a west portion of Eagan and northern Burnsville, generally north of Highway 13.

- The southern portion of Burnsville that used to be part of both house districts 40A and 37A is now in house districts 56A and B, the latter of which takes in a portion of northern Lakeville. House District 56B is paired with House District 56A, which takes in the city of Savage.

- The current Senate District 36 essentially has become the new District 58. The previously mentioned portions of northern Lakeville are no longer in 58A, and 58B takes in Farmington and surrounding townships.

The House districts for the other local representatives, all Republicans, are also follows:

- Diane Anderson, 51A
- Doug Wardlow, 51B and
- Pat Garofalo, 58B.

The Senate districts for current senators, all Republicans, will be:

- Ted Daley, 51
- Dan Hall, 56 and
- Dave Thompson, 58.

The changes mean that Lakeville now takes in three Senate districts. It is possible that residents of Lakeville could serve as senators who would cover all of the Thisweek Newspapers' coverage area except for Eagan and the northern portion of Burnsville.

Burnsville, which used to take in three Senate districts, now has two.

With the 2nd Congressional District – home turf of Republican U.S. Rep. John Kline of Lakeville – the panel removed the portion of Carver County in the old district and used the Minnesota River to define the district's northern border.

The redrawn 2nd peels off Le Sueur County to the south, adding that county to the 1st Congressional District.

The eastern portion of Rice County is in the 2nd, along with all of Goodhue and Wabasha counties.

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