

TAKING PRIDE IN THE PRIDE



**STRONGER
DISTRICTS BY
RESISTRICTING OR
MERGING DISTRICTS**

BACKGROUND

- ✓ **75 COUNTIES**
- ✓ **240 MILES – NORTH TO SOUTH**
- ✓ **275 MILES – EAST TO WEST**
- ✓ **53,104 SQUARE MILES**
- ✓ **EACH CURRENT DISTRICT 13.3K SQ. MILES**
- ✓ **OR 112 MILES X 119 MILES (APPROXIMATLY)**

BACKGROUND CON'T

✓ STATE POPULATION

- MD 7L – 464.6 K (17 COUNTIES)
- MD 7I – 1051.2 K (18 COUNTIES)
- MD 7O – 941.3 K (19 COUNTIES)
- MD 7N – 458.8 K (21 COUNTIES)

✓ 2010 POPULATION 2915.9 K

✓ 2016 POPULATION 2989.5 K

✓ 2% GROWTH

✓ PROJECTED GROWTH NEXT 10 YEARS IS
-2.9 TO 1.4 THOUSAND (US CENSUS)

MD 7 MEMBERSHIP

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERS ADDED</u>	<u>MEMBS. DROPPED</u>
2009-10	664	703
2010-11	559	793
2011-12	511	547
2012-13	494	658
2013-14	582	551
2014-15	547	610
2015-16	440	565
<u>AVERAGE</u>	542.4	632.4
2016-17	167	252

FINDINGS

MEMBERS REQUIRED PER DISTRICT - 1250

CLUBS REQUIRED PER DISTRICT - 35

DECEMBER 31, 2016 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 7

MEMBERSHIP

CLUBS

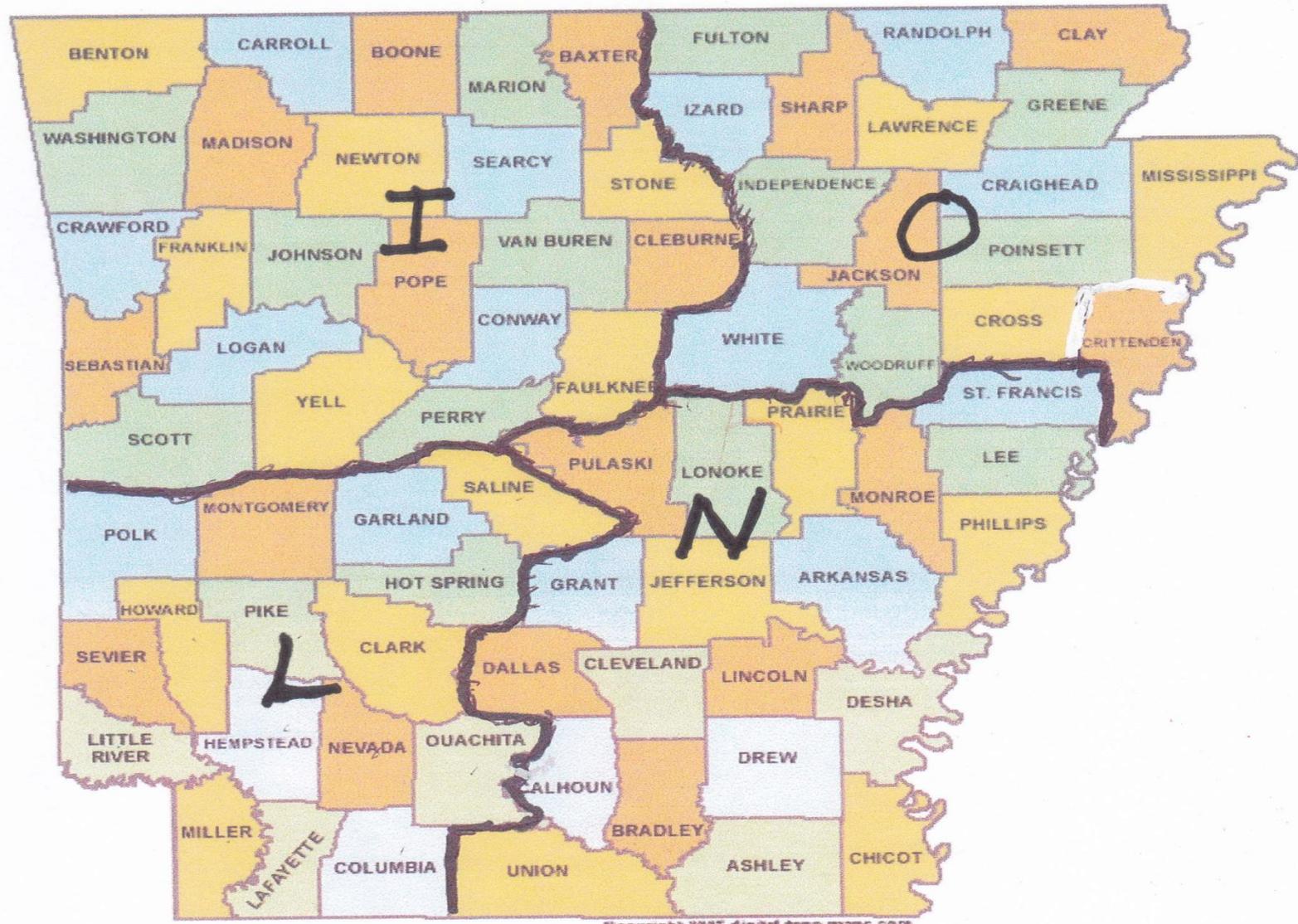
L	797	30
I	876	39
O	672	30
N	735	33

MERGED DISTRICTS

I & O	1548	69
L & N	1532	63

DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DISTRICTS</u>
1918-1932	1
1932-1933	3
1933-1947	2
1947-1959	3
1959-1972	4
1972-1992	5
1992-2017	4
2017-?	?



WHY MERGE DISTRICTS

- ❑ After numerous membership drives in each district, no improvement in membership
- ❑ Membership trend continues to show loss of members
- ❑ Grants available now (may not be in the future) to offset any cost
- ❑ Districts too small
 - Not enough members for leadership position
 - Repeat governors, district and state chairs

MERGE TO 2 DISTRICTS

PROS

- ^ Will be in compliance with LCI**
- ^ Eliminate need for redistricting in the immediate future**
- ^ Provide larger membership pools from which to draw leaders**
 - Fewer Lions having to hold multiple offices**
 - More Lions available to fill these offices**

MERGE TO 2 DISTRICTS

PROS CONTINUED

- **More Lions available may increase the quality of leaders**
- ^ **Improve District and State Council finances**
 - **More members/district increases administrative revenues**
 - **Fewer districts could possibly reduce state council expense**
- ^ **Spouse/Guest of District Governor expenses paid when attending international convention**
- ^ **MD 7 eligible for a International Director**

MERGE TO 2 DISTRICTS

CONS

- ^ Increases the number of clubs/district**
 - Current 30 – 39 clubs**
 - Post 66 Clubs**
- ^ Merging 4 districts to 2 will be difficult**
 - Election and reorganization of officers**
 - Transition of reports, directories, and financial goals**
 - Acceptance of ownership by leaders**

MERGE TO 2 DISTRICTS

CONS

- ^ New district leaders may not feel sense of urgency to grow new members.**
- ^ District Governors will have more miles to travel visiting clubs in their district**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Present proposal to districts and clubs at their cabinet meetings, districts conventions, and zone meetings**
- **Present to state convention for approval April 2017 and determine MD 7 district's identification; i.e. 7N and 7S**
- **If approved by LCI implement July 1, 2019**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- **2016-17 Present proposal to leadership and membership**
 - **Prepare changes to state constitution**
- **May 2017 send plan to LCI for approval**
- **2017-18 Hold “new” district conventions**
 - **Approve State Constitution change**
 - **Appoint election committee**
 - **Develop rules for convention**
 - **Solicit candidates for 2018-19**
 - **Elect officers for 2018-19**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- **2018-19 Transition to new leadership**
 - **Hold “meet and greet” meetings**
 - **Train Governors teams**
 - **Reinstitute Region Chairs**
 - **Appoint state committee chairs**
 - **Develop budgets**
 - **Revisit changes in district constitution**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- **2019 - Following International Convention hold 2 district conventions and cabinet meetings**
 - **Approve district constitutions, budgets and committees**