

## **Final Report on 2001 Second Special Session**

The House and Senate adjourned sine die on Monday, July 2nd, completing the 5-day special session which was called by Governor Don Siegelman for the purpose of enacting legislation to redistrict State Legislative Districts. The reapportionment session was necessary to adjust House and Senate district boundaries to take into account new population figures produced by the 2000 Federal decennial census. Only four bills received final passage during the session -- three bills relating to reapportionment and a local bill relating to expenses of the Tallapoosa County coroner. The bills that passed will most likely be subjected to judicial review.

Another special session will probably be called in late summer to consider Congressional and State School Board Redistricting. During this session, it is likely that appropriation bills, local bills, and other general bills will be considered.

### **General Bills Passed**

**Alabama House of Representatives Redistricting** (HB 1, Act 2001-729). This bill redistricts Alabama House of Representative districts based on the 2000 census for elections in the year 2002 and beyond.

**Venue of Reapportionment or Redistricting Actions** (HB 2, Act 2001-728). This bill would provide that any legal action, including any action pending in any other court upon the effective date of this act, challenging any plan or any portion of any plan for the redistricting or reapportionment of congressional districts, state legislative districts, State Board of Education districts, or any other statewide plan, or any portion of any other statewide plan, for redistricting or reapportionment, shall be commenced in, or transferred to or re-filed in, the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

**Alabama Senate Redistricting** (SB 2, Act 2001-727). This bill redistricts Alabama Senate districts based on the 2000 census for elections in the year 2002 and beyond.