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## Senator Scott T. Rupp Announces Recent Census Population Outcome Reflects Changes to Senate District

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, today announced that the recent results from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Decennial Census will affect the population in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District as well as the number of Congressional districts in Missouri. In a news conference yesterday, the U.S. Census Bureau concluded that the outcome of the 2010 Census resulted in Missouri's population growing 7 percent to 5,988,927 persons. Despite this growth, Missouri will lose a Congressional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, resulting in a drop from nine to eight Missouri Congressional seats.

Senate Leader-elect Robert N. Mayer, R-Dexter, recently announced that Sen. Rupp, who currently serves as chairman of the Senate Select Interim Committee on Redistricting, will continue in his leadership role as chairman of the Senate Committee on Redistricting for the 2011 legislative session. The committee is responsible for performing all duties necessary for the General Assembly to prepare for its role in the 2010 Decennial Census, including determining Congressional redistricting to reflect the recently announced changes in shifting populations in Missouri.

"I am honored once again to be appointed as chair of this extremely important committee in the Missouri Senate," said Sen. Rupp. "Much work lies ahead for committee members, and we are committed to a redistricting process that is open and transparent, and that ensures all citizens are appropriately and fairly represented."

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District, which Sen. Rupp represents in the Missouri Senate, falls within the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts held by Rep. Todd Akin and Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer. According to a **2010 Census map**, which represents the mail participation rate by counties in Missouri, Lincoln County had a 73-78 percent participation rate and St. Charles County had a participation rate of 79-84 percent. However, even with these high percentage rates reported out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District, news forecasts projected, and were ultimately correct, regarding Missouri losing a Congressional seat. According to a *Boston Globe* article, Missouri was one of eight states projected to lose a seat as a result of a shifting population base throughout the country.

"I am disappointed in Missouri's loss of an elected representative to Congress," said Sen. Mayer. "But I trust in Sen. Rupp's leadership, preparation and knowledge when it comes to the Legislature drawing new district lines. I know he will do all he can to ensure the new district lineup will be above board and in the best interest of Missourians."

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