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Here are three plans for Belknap and my take on the pros and cons.

Plan AlBarnGilm:

- 1) merges Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton into a 4-seat district
- 2) Belmont gets its own 2-seat district and is floated with Laconia to fix the deviation
- 3) Meredith and Gilford each get a 1-seat district and a 2-seat float to fix deviations
- 4) Laconia is divided into two 3-ward districts, each getting 2 seats

Pros/cons

- Belmont, Meredith, and Gilford get their own districts
- Alton, Barnstead, and Gilmanton do not get their own districts
- Laconia is divided into smaller districts

Plan Lac4BelGil:

- 1) merges Laconia ward 4, Belmont, and Gilmanton into a 4-seat district
- 2) Alton and Barnstead get their own 1-seat districts plus a 1-seat floater
- 3) Meredith and Gilford each get a 1-seat district and a 2-seat float to fix deviations
- 4) Laconia's other 5 wards vote at large for 4 seats

Pros/cons

- Alton, Barnstead, Meredith, and Gilford get their own districts
- Belmont and Gilmanton do not get their own districts
- part of Laconia is split away
- five wards vote at large

Plan split Lac:

- 1) splits Laconia among Meredith, Gilford, and Belmont
- 2) merges Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton into a 4-seat district
- 3) no floater is needed

Note: this plan could be combined with Lac4BelGil

Pros/cons

- the Meredith and Gilford districts are geographically smaller (than the floater) so the reps are closer to the people
- it might be that the interests of the various wards are closely tied to the neighboring towns (I don't know) and would be better served by voting with the neighbors than with the rest of the city

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AlBarnGilm:

Belknap County Districts (Component Method)

Towns Dist# Seats Deviation

Center Harbor
New Hampton 1 1 -0.9%

Sanbornton
Tilton 2 2 -0.7%

Meredith 3 1 -1.9%

Gilford 4 1 4.8%

Gilford
Meredith F10 2

Alton
Barnstead
Gilmanton 5 4 3.5%

Belmont 6 2 -3.5%

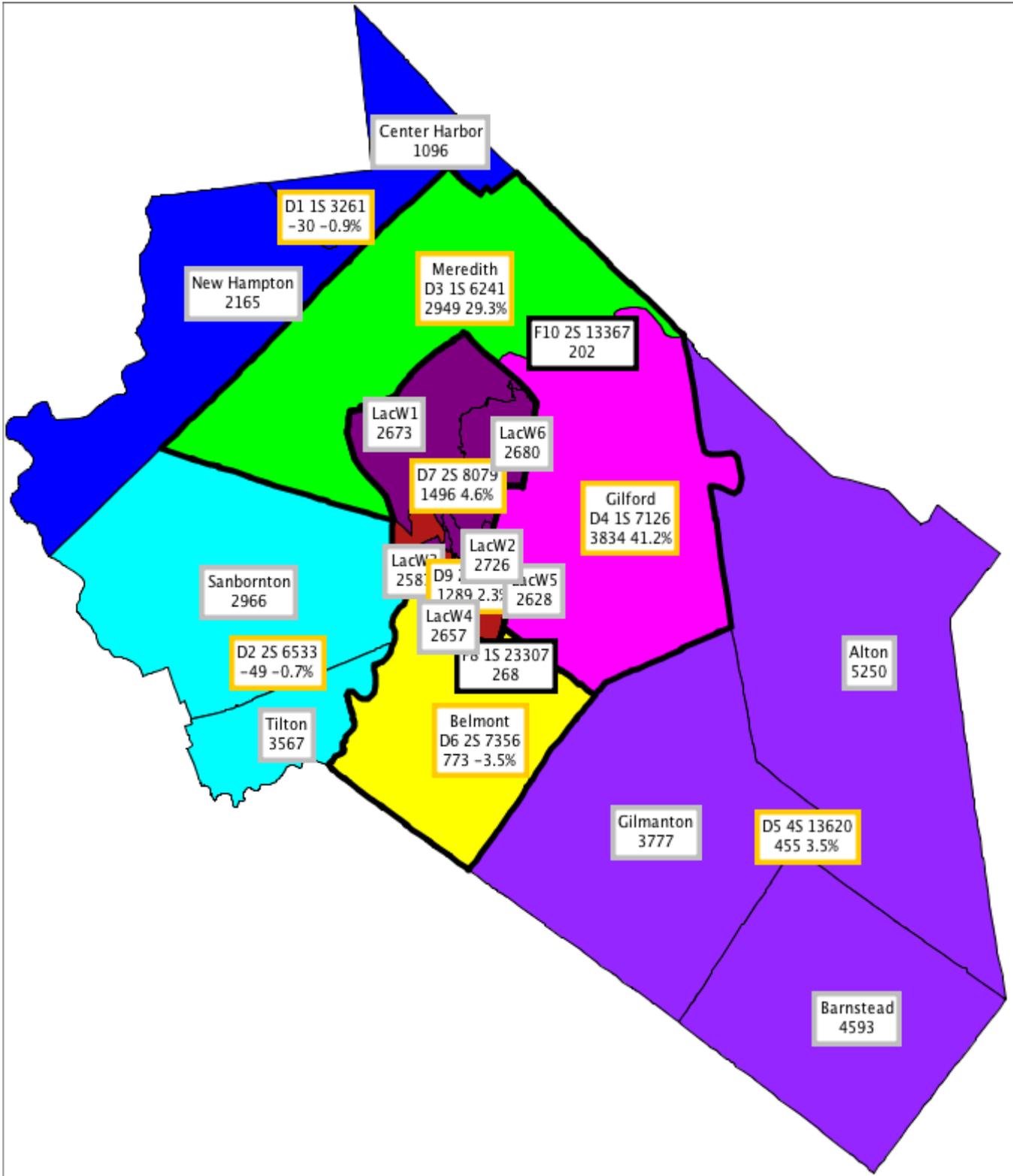
LacW1
LacW2
LacW6 7 2 4.6%

LacW3
LacW4
LacW5 9 2 2.3%

Belmont
LacW1
LacW2
LacW3
LacW4
LacW5
LacW6 F8 1

Total seats = 18 of 18 allotted

Deviation Range is -3.5% to 4.8% or 8.3% overall





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Lac4BelGil:

Belknap County Districts (Component Method)

Towns Dist# Seats Deviation

Center Harbor
New Hampton 1 1 -0.9%

Sanbornton
Tilton 2 2 -0.7%

Meredith 3 1 -1.9%

Gilford 4 1 4.8%

Gilford
Meredith F10 2

Alton 5 1 4.0%

Barnstead 6 1 -4.8%

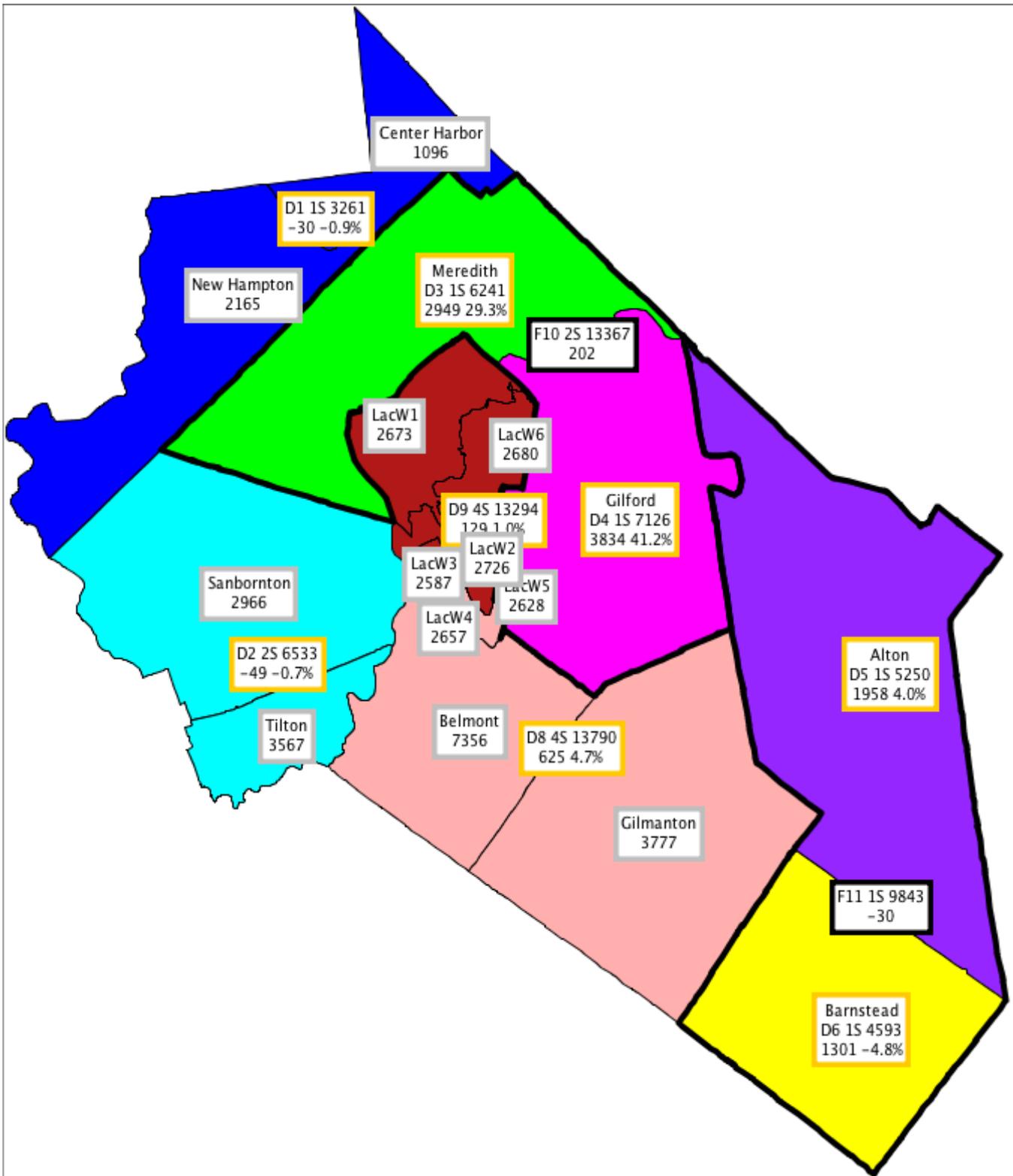
Alton
Barnstead F11 1

Belmont
Gilmanton
LacW4 8 4 4.7%

LacW1
LacW2
LacW3
LacW5
LacW6 9 4 1.0%

Total seats = 18 of 18 allotted

Deviation Range is -4.8% to 4.8% or 9.6% overall



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split Lac:

Belknap County Districts (Component Method)

Towns Dist# Seats Deviation

LacW1
LacW2
LacW3
LacW5
Meredith 1 5 2.4%

Gilford
LacW6 2 3 -0.7%

Belmont
LacW4 3 3 1.4%

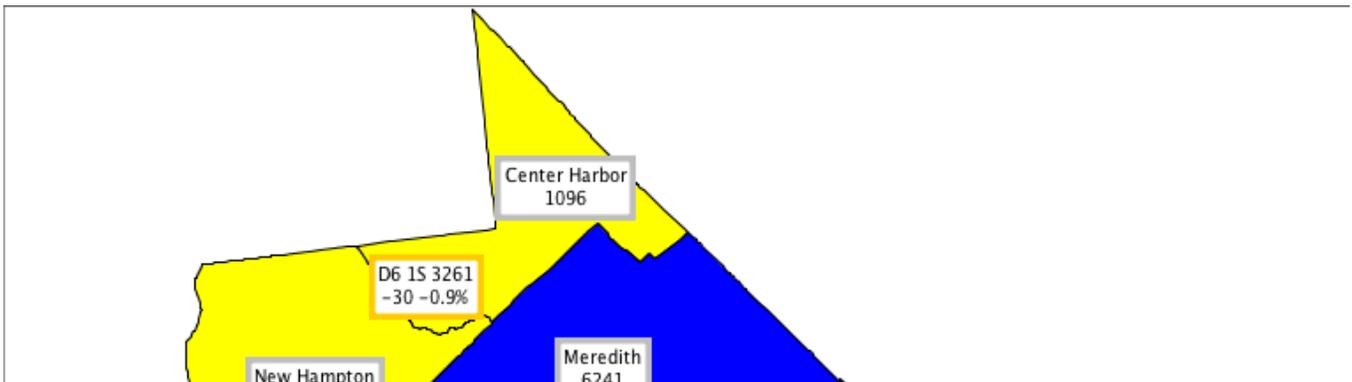
Sanbornton
Tilton 4 2 -0.7%

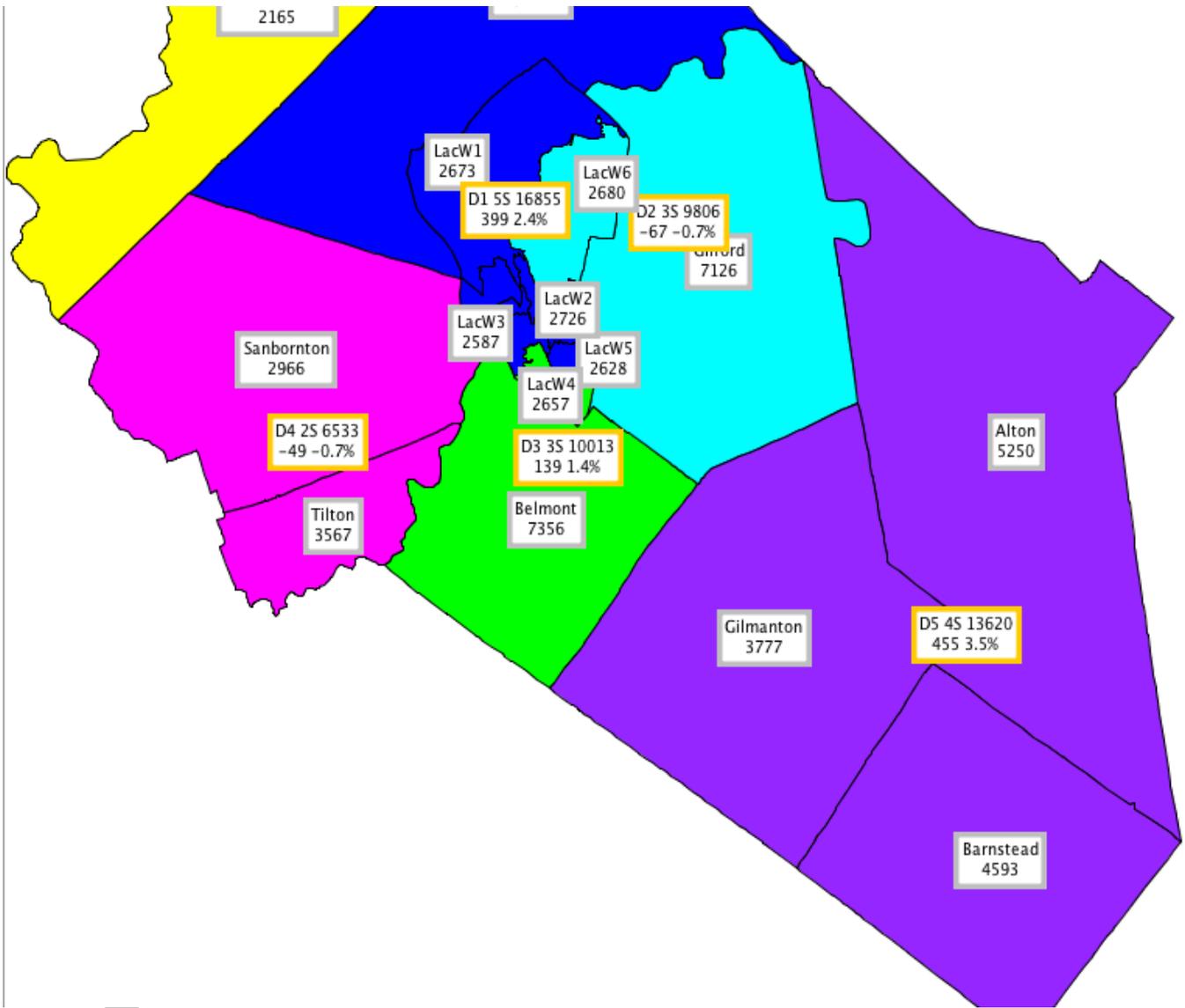
Alton
Barnstead
Gilmanton 5 4 3.5%

Center Harbor
New Hampton 6 1 -0.9%

Total seats = 18 of 18 allotted

Deviation Range is -0.9% to 3.5% or 4.4% overall





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