

# STO/ERO

## The Formation of Districts

When the first Senate Meeting of STO was held in March 1968, the voting delegates were representative of the five affiliates of the Ontario Teachers' Federation.

Later that year, an Extension Committee was established to organize STO into geographic Areas across the province based upon the provincial county board system. On December 4, 1968, the Areas were set up:

Area 1	Fort William
Area 2	Sault Ste. Marie
Area 3	North Bay
Area 4	Windsor
Area 5	Waterloo
Area 6	St. Catharines
Area 7	Dufferin, Peel, Malton, Simcoe
Area 8	Toronto
Area 9	Peterborough
Area 10	Ottawa

In 1971, a special Committee to Study Areas was established under the chairmanship of Miss Norma Duffy. Its purpose was to review the Area system. In 1972, upon the recommendation of the Committee, the province was reorganized into 21 sub-divisions to be known as **Districts**. In 1973, the necessary changes were made to the Constitution and some adjustments were made to the composition of districts. The first Senate meeting to which all voting delegates were named by a district was held in May 1974. There were 25 districts at that time.

District 1	Kenora and Rainy River
District 2	Thunder Bay
District 3	Algoma
District 4	Sudbury and Manitoulin
District 5	Cochrane and Timiskaming
District 6	Nipissing, Parry Sound and Muskoka
District 7	Essex and Kent
District 8	Lambton, Middlesex, Elgin and Oxford
District 9	Huron and Perth
District 10	Bruce, Grey and Dufferin
District 11	Waterloo and Wellington
District 12	Brant and Norfolk
District 13	Wentworth and Haldimand
District 14	Lincoln and Welland

District 15	Halton and Peel
District 16	City of Toronto
District 17	York (outside Metro) and Simcoe
District 18	Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Haliburton and Victoria
District 19	Prince Edward, Peterborough and Hastings
District 20	Lennox and Addington, Frontenac and Leeds and Grenville
District 21	Prescott, Russell, Carleton, Lanark and Renfrew
District 22	Etobicoke & York
District 23	North York
District 24	Scarborough & East York
District 25	Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

Throughout the ensuing years districts with large populations or with large geographic areas were split into more manageable sizes. Today, in 1994, there are 42 Districts - 41 in the Province of Ontario and one in the Province of British Columbia:

District 1	Rainy River
District 2	Thunder Bay
District 3	Algoma
District 4	Sudbury, Manitoulin/North Shore
District 5	Cochrane, Timiskaming
District 6	Nipissing, Parry Sound, Muskoka
District 7	Essex
District 8	London-Middlesex
District 9	Huron, Perth
District 10	Bruce, Grey, Dufferin
District 11	Waterloo
District 12	Norfolk
District 13	Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand
District 14	Niagara
District 15	Halton
District 16	Toronto
District 17	Simcoe
District 18	Haliburton, Victoria
District 19	Hastings, Prince Edward
District 20	Lennox & Addington, Frontenac, Leeds & Grenville
District 21	Renfrew
District 22	Etobicoke & York
District 23	North York
District 24	Scarborough & East York
District 25	Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
District 26	Kenora (1975)
District 27	Ottawa-Carleton (1975)

District 28	Region of Durham (1976)
District 29	Lanark (1979)
District 30	Northumberland (1980)
District 31	Wellington (1981)
District 32	Prescott-Russell (1985)
District 33	Kent (1985)
District 34	York Region (1985)
District 35	Dryden (1986)
District 36	Peterborough (1986)
District 37	Oxford (1986)
District 38	Lambton (1986)
District 39	Peel (1987)
District 40	Brant (1988)
District 41	Elgin (1989)
District 42	British Columbia*(1992)

\*There are more than 300 retired Ontario teachers residing permanently in British Columbia. Over 250 reside in other provinces and nearly 100 live outside Canada.