Program Dictionary

1) tract_legs_vars.do
   Uses tract-level data to create a set of tercile, quintile and decile variables at the assembly and senate district level that are based on the within assembly and senate district distribution of variables.

2) range.do
   Creates the min and max of each tercile, quintile and decile created in tract_legs_vars.do.

3) leg_sessions.do
   Assembles all the assembly and senate level data created in the above programs.

4) rc_votes.do
   Creates final dataset. Merges in all remaining files including legislator characteristics and legislation information.

5) mkvara.do
   Creates variables used in the analysis.

6) table1.do, table2.do, table3.do and table4.do, app_table1.do
   Estimation programs that create estimates reported in corresponding tables.

Programs used to create census variables using data from the 1990 and 2000 census and the 2005-09 ACS and voting variables using data from the Statewide Database

1) census.do
   Creates tract-level census variables from 1990 and 2000 census and the 2005-09 ACS and interpolates data for even years in between.

2) census_district.do
   Creates assembly and senate district-level census variables from 1990 and 2000 census and the 2005-09 ACS and interpolates data for even years in between.

3) tract_legs.do
   Creates a dataset of tract-level observations for each legislative session from 1991-92 to 2007-08. The datasets are the building blocks for the tercile, quintile and decile data used in the final assembly and senate district-level analysis. The resulting Stata data sets are called: tract_ass_ls_0708, tract_ass_ls_0506, tract_sd_ls_0708, etc. Where “ass” stands for assembly districts and “sd” stands for senate districts.