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I would like to say that I really don't like the overlay approach for several reasons.

- 1) 10 digits on every call (and 8-0-1 requires fingers all over the phone keypad).
- 2) Young children will have to memorize 10 digits as opposed to 7. Seven digits is hard enough for them to remember, and in this area, with lots of kids, that's important.
- 3) Once it's done, it can't be undone, whereas a split can always be converted to an overlay at a later time.

I think that a 3-way split would be the way to go. These have recently been done in Phoenix and Seattle, I think. There are easy geographical split lines:

(new code A) -> Utah county
(801) -> S.L. county
(new code B) -> Points north

With 1000-block number allocation, these three codes would probably be more than enough for the foreseeable future. If only a 2-way split is done, then at least one of those codes will possibly have to split again in 5 years.

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