



Gerrymandering Blocks Good Government ...

... We Can Fix it

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you care about most ...*

It's just the issue we need to fix first.

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Reapportionment

- After every U.S. Census, the 435 Congressional seats are reallocated based upon population changes
- ~782,000 residents/district (2020)
- Some states gain, some states lose

PA's Trend

1990 – 21

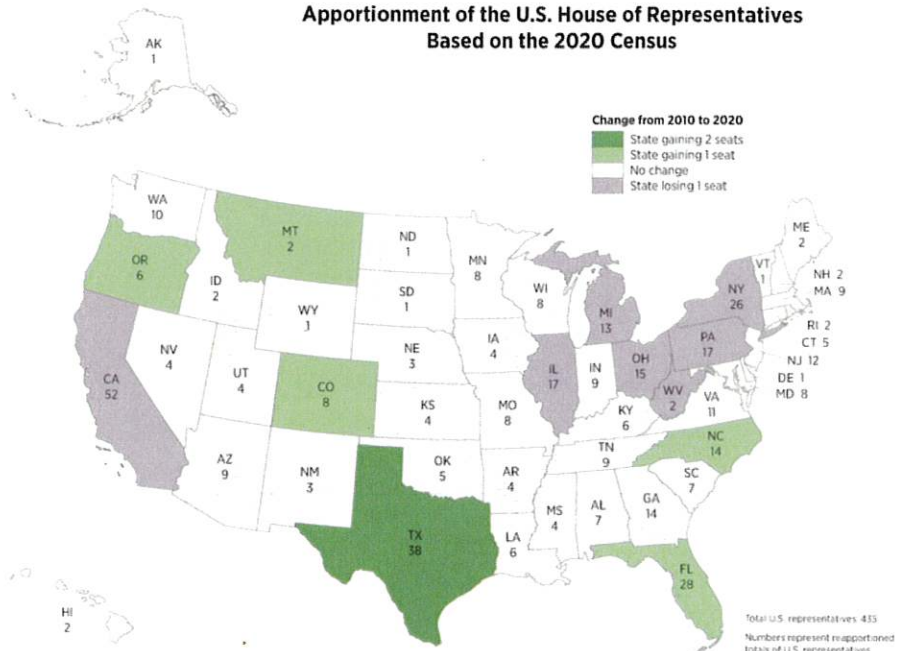
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2010 – 18

2020 – 17

2030 – ??

Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives
Based on the 2020 Census





Redistricting

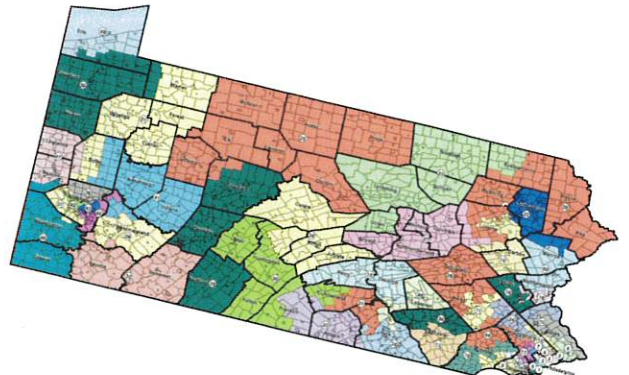
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PA has two redistricting procedures

Congressional Districts

- Regular bill process

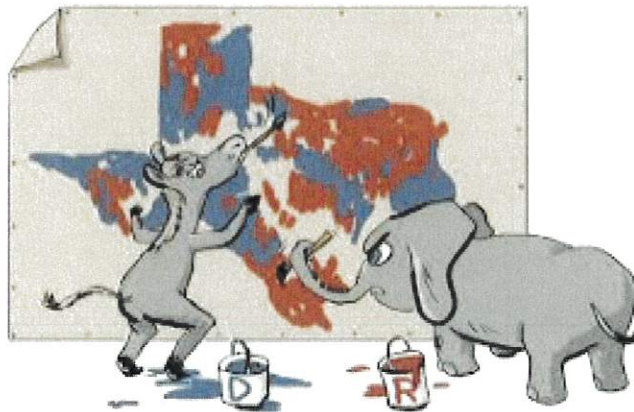


State Legislative Districts (State Senate, State House)

- Legislative Reapportionment Commission, 1968 PA constitutional amendment



No other major democracy allows legislators to have such a dominant role in drawing their own district's lines.





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Simple, right? Well, not quite:

For decades, LRC has often ignored these constitutional rules. Why?

In order to gerrymander



So, what is Gerrymandering?

Drawing district boundaries to benefit a party or candidate

In 1812 MA Gov. Elbridge Gerry approved districts maps favoring his party. One district map looked like a salamander — hence the term Gerrymander.



Why does it matter?

“Safe” districts contribute to polarization and gridlock



Gerrymandering Negatively Impacts Legislators and the Legislature

- Major parties focus on control, not governance
- Incumbents (*especially* leadership) are protected
 - Very high re-election rate (many run unopposed)
 - Note: Legislative leaders draw the maps
- Rank & File beholden to party leaders, not constituents. Why?
 - Redistricting every 10 years. In between- legislative rules, budget
- Elections increasingly decided in our primaries



Gerrymandering Negatively Impacts

All of Us

Increasing polarization makes compromise difficult (*Pew Research Ctr, 2014*)

And the resulting gridlock (*Fair Districts PA, January 2025a*) ...

... is bad for business and communities

- US less competitive & economy threatened (*Harvard Business School, 2016, 2017*)
- Gerrymandered districts receive fewer discretionary federal funds and have less access to consumer credit (*SSRN, 2018, 2021*)



Polarization & Gridlock Negatively Impacts All of Us

PA: Failing Grades and Overdue for Reform

2024 Best States Rankings, *US News & World Report*, 2025



Pennsylvania



#40 in Best States

#16 Crime & Corrections

#39 Education

#11 Health Care

#37 Natural Environment

#41 Economy

#44 Fiscal Stability

#43 Infrastructure

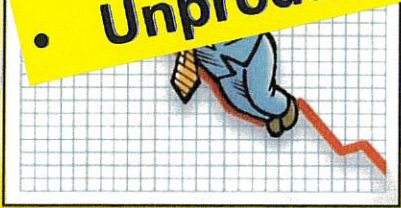
#24 Opportunity





And that Polarization & Gridlock Play a Role in our Legislature's Inaction & Dysfunction

- PA's legislature:**
- Largest Full-time
 - Very Expensive
 - Unproductive



In past 10 years
< 10% of proposed bills enacted

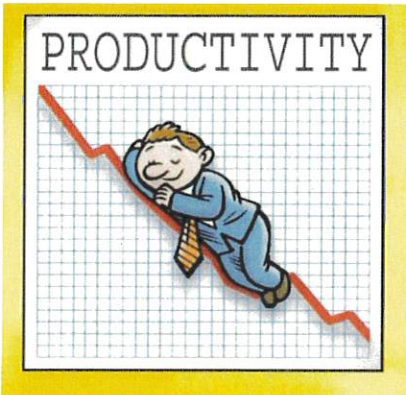
One example (*Fair Districts PA, Jan. 2025a, p7*)

Inaction on **UNANIMOUS** votes!

- 25% no floor vote in full chamber (23/24)
- 56% no floor vote in other chamber (21/22)

Some say it's about Quality, not Quantity

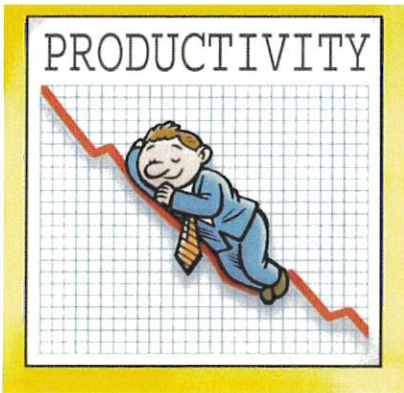
Quality and Quantity Matter



Critical issues directly affecting local governments and schools ... Not dealt with for years ...

- **Provisions affecting Local Governments** (many > 50 yrs old)
 - Analysis of Gen. Assembly Local Govt. Commission database
Identified 6,000 statutory provisions / >3,000 mandatory /
many of them regarding taxation (*PEL, 2017, 2022*)
- **Election Administration Reforms** (post Act 77, 2019)
 - Mail-in Ballots: Pre-canvassing, 15-day application deadline
(*CCAP 2021, 2025*)
- **** Equitable School Funding** (decades)
 - 2023 lawsuit / \$5.4B *Adequacy Gap* / FY2025 \$500M
(*Basic Ed Funding Commission, 1/11/24; Spotlight PA, 1/14/25*)
- **Pick an Issue You Care About _____!!**

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Critical issues affecting all of us ...

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- **Redistricting Reform**
 - LWVPA working on this for more than 30 years!
- ** **Testing for Lead in Children** (2017 study / 2022 bill amended)
 - Violating their own rules, the Appropriations Committee changed mandate to suggestion (Fair Districts PA, Jan 2025a, p12)
- **Pick an Issue You Care About _____!!**

Recent redistricting reform bills illustrate the legislature's Inaction and Dysfunction ...


LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

as of April 2023

 **110 House cosponsors in 2018 - more than 1/2 the PA House**
 **Over 104,000 petition signatures - from every county in PA**
 **~1200 public presentations attended by over 46,000**

 Thousands of calls, emails, letters & postcards
 Hundreds of in-person legislative presentations
 **Bipartisan** ... PA citizens ...
... 24 counties / million ...
... more than 70% of PA population

Reform Bills Never Got a Floor Vote

Statewide Poll*
 **66%** support redistricting reform
67% want an independent commission to draw state legislative district lines
*F&M Poll August 2019

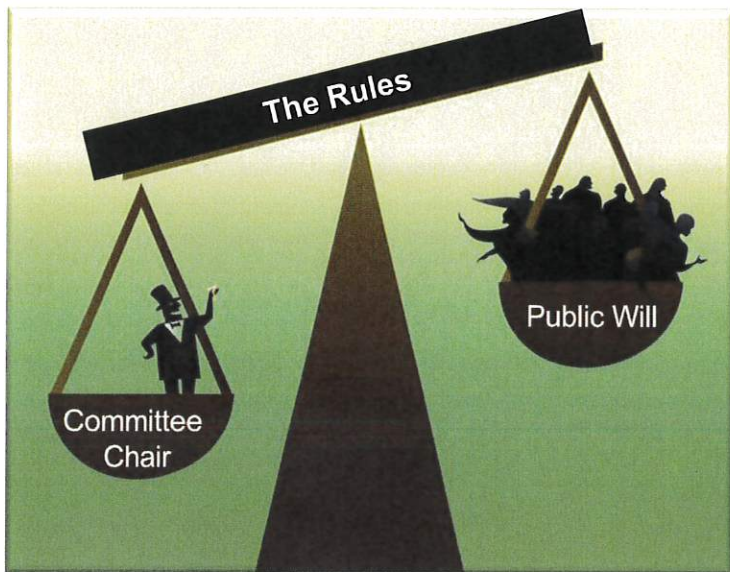
Public comment in support
600+ editorials, op-eds and columns
600+ letters to the editor, published in...
100+ media outlets in cities and towns across PA
1700+ news articles



FIX Harrisburg: Bipartisan Bills Deserve a Vote

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Why No Debate or Vote?



Legislative Rules Are The Problem

- Rules Govern the Process
- Majority Party Makes the Rules
- Rules Give Party Leaders Control

Unchecked Power Creates
Dangerous Imbalance

One Committee Chair Outweighs:

- The House and Senate
- The Will of the People



It Doesn't Have to Be This Way!

Rule Changes that hopefully would get
Hyper-partisan Thumbs off the Scale



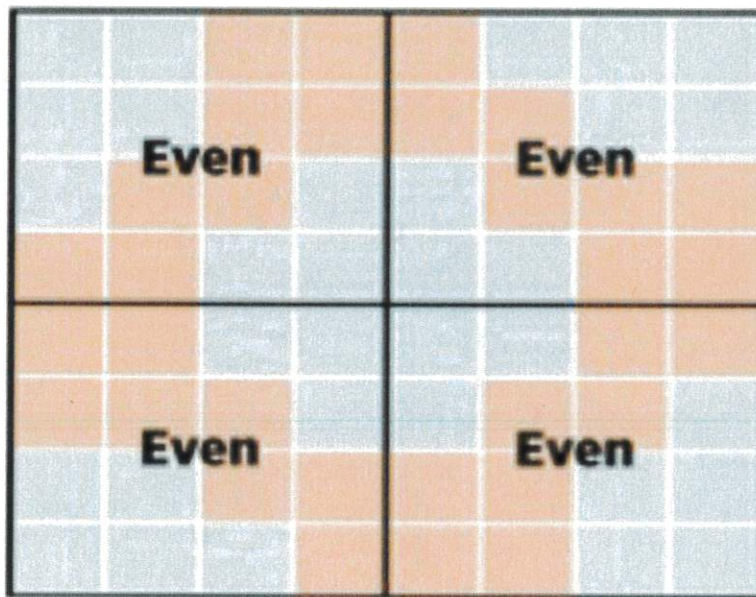
Guarantee:

- A committee vote for bipartisan bills
- A floor vote for bipartisan bills voted out of committee
- Bipartisan bills that pass one chamber get a committee vote in the other chamber

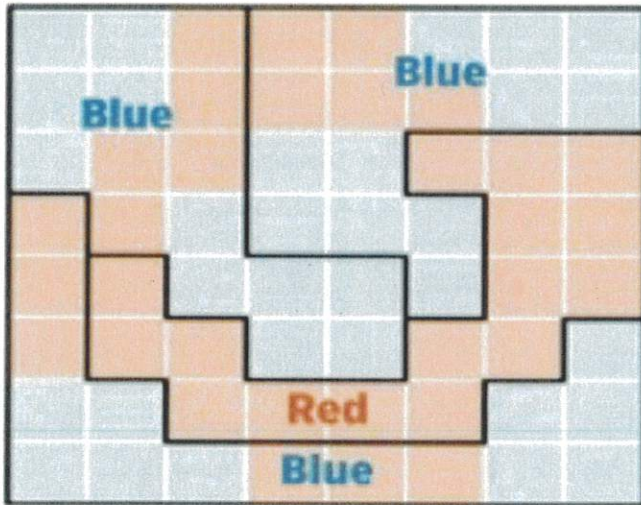
**We've seen what gerrymandering is and why it's part of the problem.
Let's take a look at how it is done.**



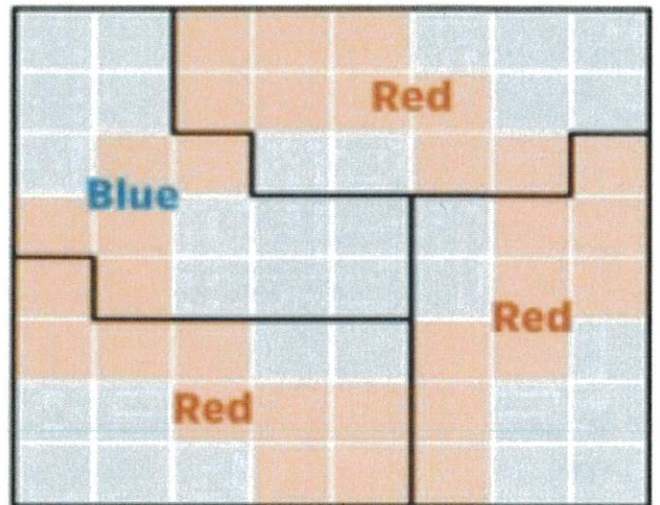
How Does Gerrymandering Happen?
First, Mappers Gather Info on
How Households Tend to Vote ...



... Then They **Pack & Crack** Voters into Districts
That Favor the Major Parties, not Voters



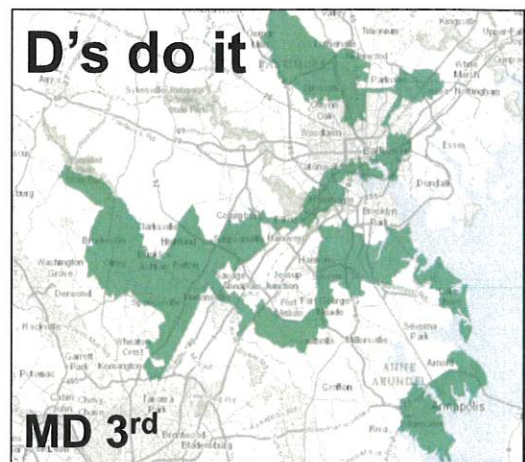
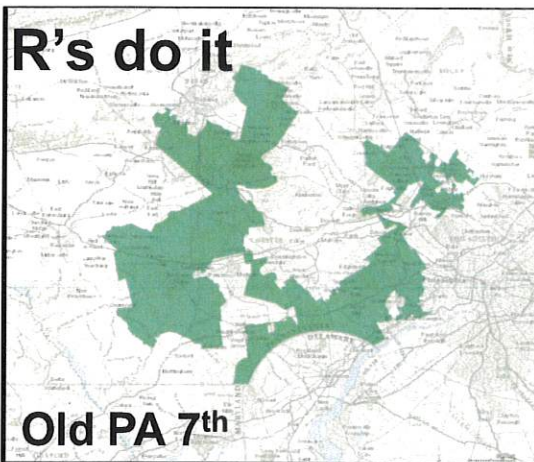
Packing
1 red, 3 blue



Cracking
3 red, 1 blue

Gerrymandering is

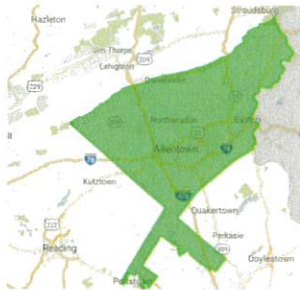
An equal opportunity power grab ...
relished by **BOTH** major political parties



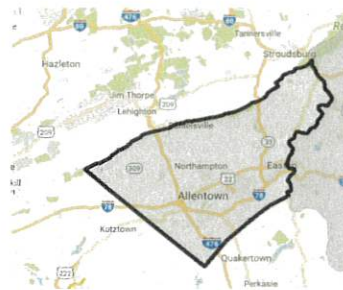
Lehigh Valley's Congressional District 1972 to 2010

1970's

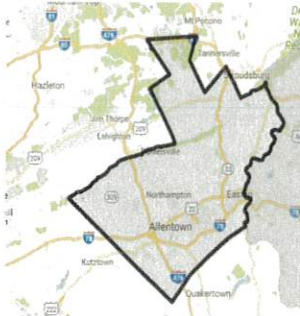
For 40 years the
Lehigh Valley
remained fairly
intact



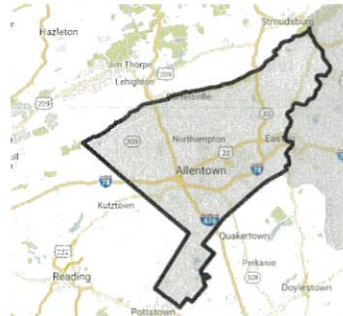
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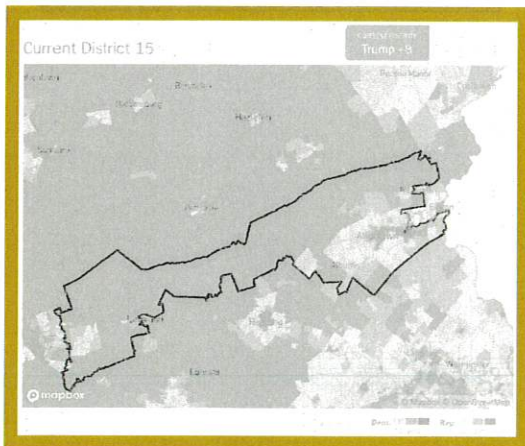
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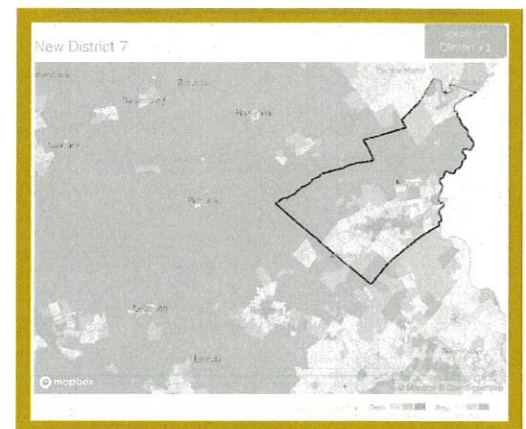
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PA15: 2012, 2014, 2016



What is Going On?

PA7: 2018, 2020 Only



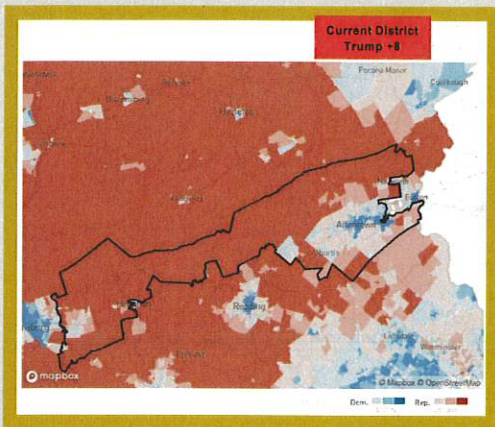
Looks Familiar, right?



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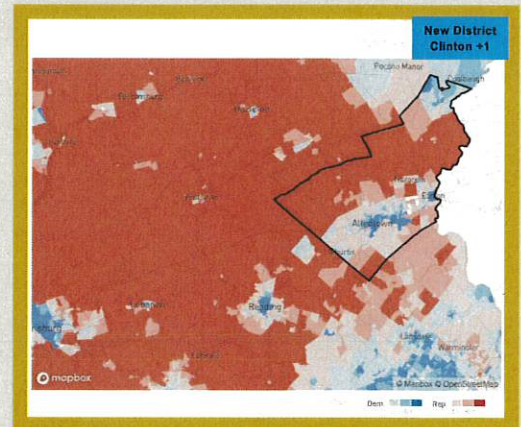
2011: Rs controlled House, Senate, Governorship, SCOPA



LWVPA *et al* sue

PA7: 2018, 2020 *Only*

Court appointed Special Master



Process Matters!



PA Congressional Delegation Gerrymandered (2016) vs Fair (2018, 2022)

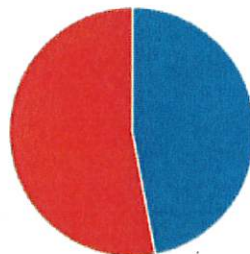
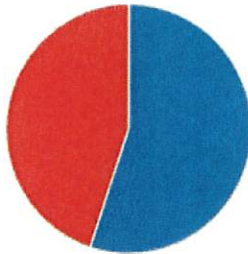
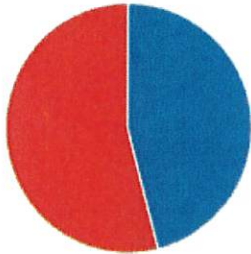
2016

2018*

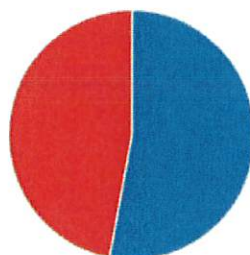
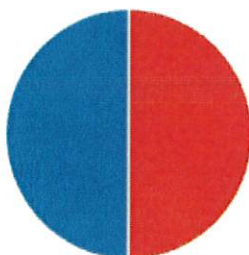
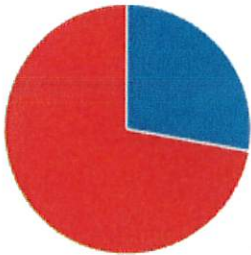
2022*

*Court Mandated

% Votes
Cast



Seats
Won

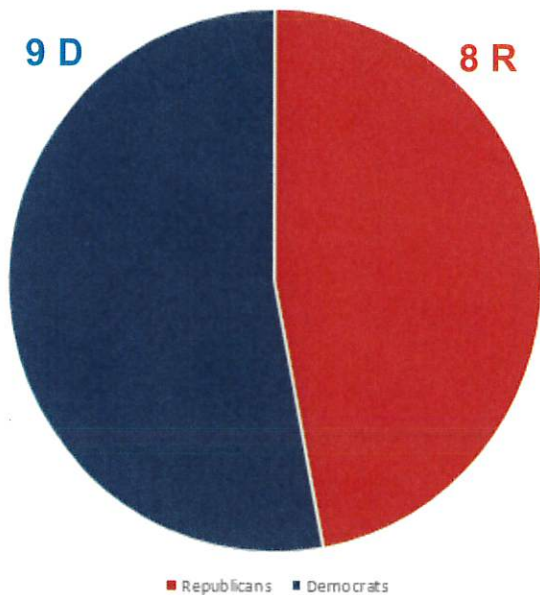


**MAPS
MATTER!**



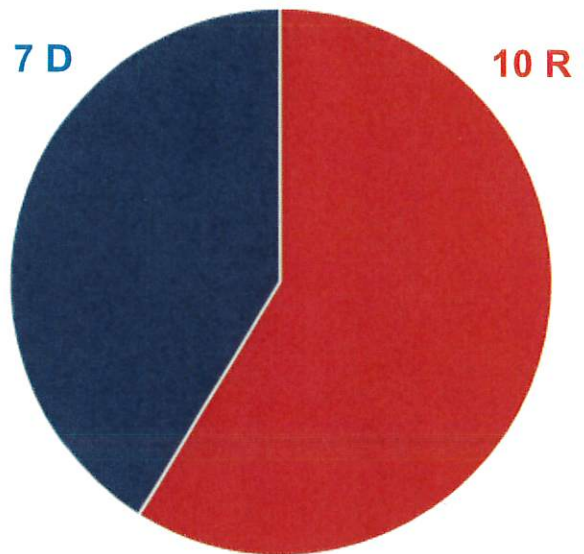
A Fair Congressional Map ... A Delegation that Responds to Voter Sentiment

Congressional Delegation 2022



■ Republicans ■ Democrats

Congressional Delegation 2024



■ Republicans ■ Democrats





STATE Legislative Redistricting NOT fixed by the Court

Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC)

The four legislative leaders (majority & minority leaders from each chamber)

- Elect tie-breaking chair
 - If unable to agree then PA State Supreme Court appoints the chair
 - If SCOPA selects partisan chair, ***then maps could be drawn by 3 people***

Wait, aren't the maps approved ... or at least reviewed by ...?

- The full legislature? ***No.***
- The Governor? ***No!***
- The public? ***No!!***



LRC has long history of
partisan-chair-enabled gerrymandering

2021 redistricting cycle was unique!

- SCOPA-selected LRC Chair lauded by both parties
*Mark Nordenberg, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh &
Chair of the University's Institute of Politics*
- Public attention & engagement was very high
- Resulting maps are better than in the past

Some say, *it worked!* So, no need to change the law ...

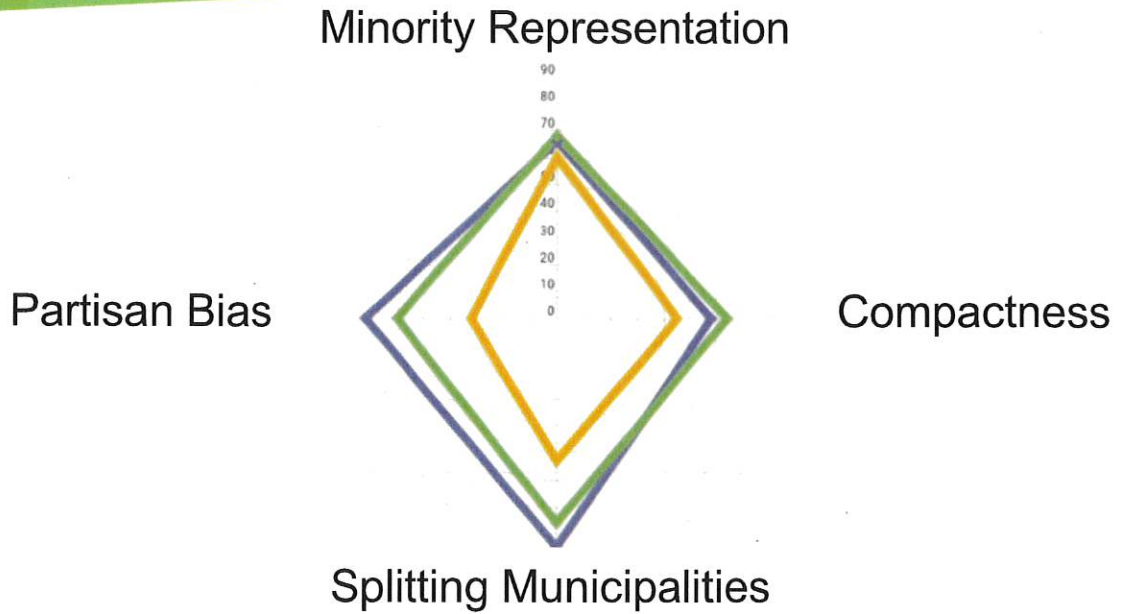
Wrong! *The law is, and
the legislative leaders' participation was ... as flawed as ever!*

Hmmm ... fair, yet flawed ... let's take a closer look



Comparison of House Maps

◆ Final Map 2014 ◆ LRC 2021 ◆ People's 2021



Scores are normalized composites of accepted metrics from Dave's Redistricting App; **bigger is better on a scale to 100**



PA House 2021 Redistricting Process

[LRC Chair Report 2022, pp 36-39]

- 2 House Leaders came with incompatible expectations
- Direct negotiations soon stopped
- To keep process moving LRC Chair met with leaders ... separately/privately (Chair held public hearings & had robust website)
- Commission staff produced final “composite” map

***Final House map drawn with input from,
rather than dictated by, party leaders
... thanks to LRC Chair & Staff***



Comparison of Senate Maps

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Minority Representation

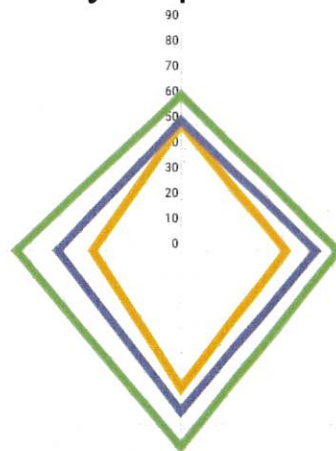
Partisan Bias

Compactness

Splitting Municipalities



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[LRC Chair Report 2022, pp 36-39]

- 2 Senate Leaders attend initial LRC meetings, then ...
- "... regularly discussed reapportionment issues and negotiated between themselves."
- Chair served as mediator, when asked
- So, final "consensus" map dictated by Senate Leaders

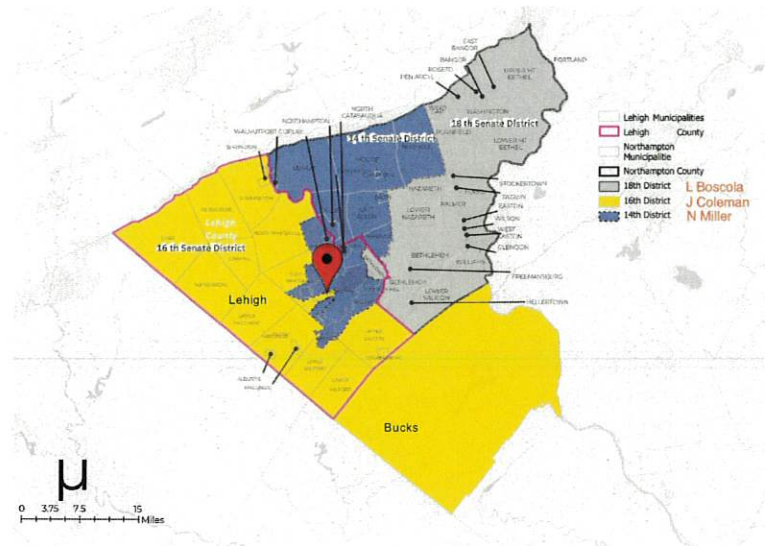
A Classic Buddymander...

When party leaders make a "*Sweetheart Deal*" ...
usually to protect *status quo* / incumbents



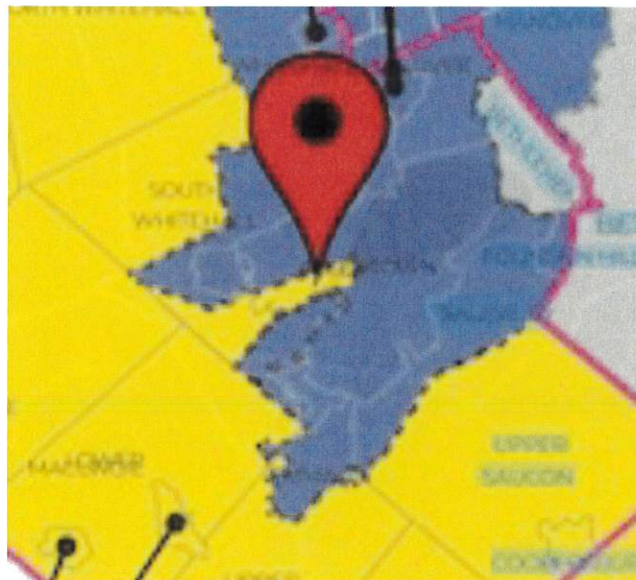
While there are examples
across the State ...

We can see one right here in the LV!





Let's take a closer look at
Senate District 16





How Can We Fix It?

PA Constitutional Amendment to Create an ***Independent Redistricting Commission***

HB 31 (53*) *Pennsylvania General Assembly House Bill 31*

SB 131 (19*) *Pennsylvania General Assembly Senate Bill 131*

*Cosponsors as of June 22, 2025

Bill Summary (*Fair Districts PA, 2025b*)

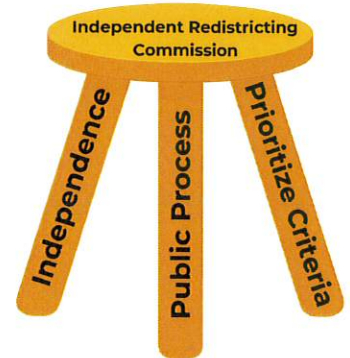
Comparison of Current & Proposed Commissions (*Fair Districts PA, 2025c*)

One Commission would draw district lines for

- Congressional
- State Senate
- State House

No process is perfect but we know these principles help:

- Commission Independence
- Transparent Public Process
- Prioritized Mapping Criteria





Why does PA Need an IRC?

The next redistricting cycle will be in 2031, following the 2030 U.S. Census

No one knows ...

- Who will control the PA House or Senate
- Who will sit in the Governor's Office
- Which party will hold the PA Supreme Court majority

So, no one knows who will have final say in determining PA's legislative districts

- In 2008 Dems thought they would be in control, then came 2010 Red Wave

What we DO know

- Parties will gerrymander, increasing partisanship and voters' distrust
- True IRCs will draw maps that represent all of us (Campaign Legal Ctr, 2024)



11 member IRC

formed every 10 years during the census cycle

Drawn from 3 pools of voters

4 voters

registered with
2nd largest party

4 voters

registered with
largest party

3 voters

Not registered with
2 largest parties



- January 1: Application process widely publicized
- Three vetting steps to narrow pools:
 - Ineligible applicants removed (politicians, staff, consultants, family, lobbyists)
 - State Ethics Commission (independent state agency) selects 60 most qualified in each pool
 - Senate & House Majority/Minority Leaders may each strike up to 2 applicants from each pool
- After vetting, first six commissioners selected by public random draw (2 from each pool)
- Six commissioners select remaining 5 for needed skills, geographic & demographic representation

What We Propose: Process Transparency



- Follow Open Meetings Rules
- Public Access to Tools & Data
- Commission Maps Supported by Explanatory Data & Reports
- Public review for 10 days before voting on a map
- Open Commission Votes
 - need 7 to pass
 - at least 2 from each pool
- Fail-Safe Protections
 - Elimination vote
 - Deadline



What We Propose: Clearly Defined & Prioritized Mapping Criteria

The redistricting plan **must**:

- Follow US Constitution, Federal Laws, Voting Rights Act

The redistricting plan **shall not**:

- Purposefully/unduly favor/disfavor an incumbent, a candidate or prospective elective office candidate
- *On a statewide basis* provide an artificial advantage to any political party.



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The redistricting plan shall

- Provide equal opportunity of representation for Racial Minorities
- Respect Communities of Interest (to the extent possible)
- Minimize County/Municipal Splits
- Adhere to Population Deviation Ranges
- Be Contiguous*
- Meet Standard Measures of Compactness (to the extent possible)



Avoiding a Deadlock: The Fail-Safe Vote

In the unlikely event the commission fails to approve a map with the proposed voting mechanism, any commissioner would be allowed to propose a map, accompanied by approved metrics and an explanatory report.



All proposed maps and reports would be posted on the commission website for ten days of public scrutiny and comment.

After 10-day review, the commission votes using an elimination bracket, in a publicly accessible voting event.

- All commissioners rank all maps in that category.
- A pair of maps is randomly selected, and the one preferred by a majority is retained, the other eliminated.
- This is repeated until a final winning map is determined.



One More Important Change the Bill Makes ...

It Eliminates Prison Gerrymandering

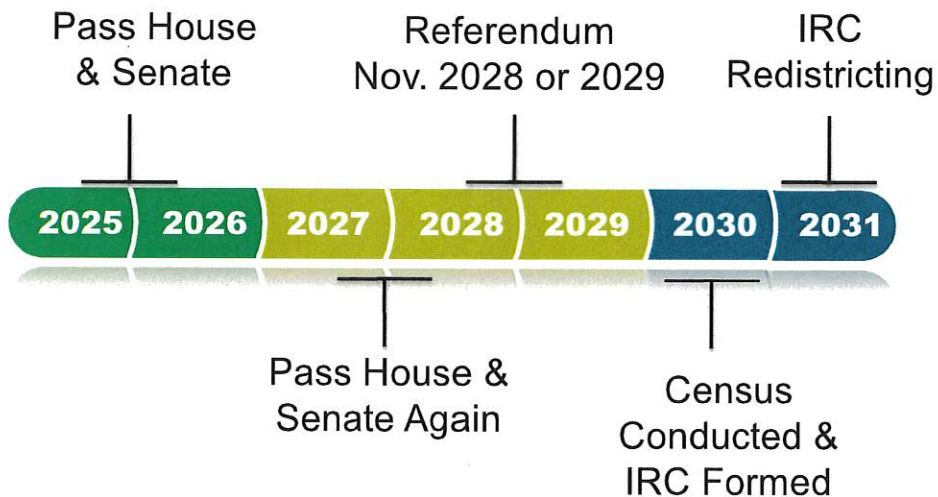
If you lived in PA before you were incarcerated,

*You would get counted
where you lived prior to incarceration*



2030 is So Far Away ...
Why Do We Need Your Help Now?

Constitutional Amendments *Take a Long Time*





So, How Could You Help?

Greatest need for next few months: Help us meet with your legislator to ...

Ask them to: Co-sponsor / help get public hearings and a vote on
HB31/SB131

If they already are a co-sponsor: Thank them!
And ask them to help get a vote

Training & support are available before, during, & after meeting with them

Learn more at:

www.FairDistrictsPA.com/take-action

Email:

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LV Legislator Support for Independent Redistricting Commission

| District | State Senator |
|----------|-----------------|
| 14 | Nick Miller |
| 16 | Jarrett Coleman |
| 18 | Lisa Boscola |

HB31 / SB131 Support
Co-Sponsor
*** Prime Sponsor**
Not yet co-sponsoring

As of June 22, 2025

| District | State Representative |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 22 | Joshua Siegel |
| 131 | Milou Mackenzie |
| 132 | Michael Schlossberg * |
| 133 | Jeanne McNeill |
| 134 | Peter Schweyer |
| 135 | Steve Samuelson * |
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| 137 | Joe Emrick |
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| 183 | Zachary Mako |
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More Ways to Help

Spread the word to family & friends. Finally, an issue you can agree on!

Call or Meet with your Legislator: Teams forming now!

- Ask them to co-sponsor; thank them when they do co-sponsor
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Request a Speaker: For your community organization or congregation

Write a Letter to the Editor: Examples available

Staff a Table on Election Day 2025: Talk to voters AFTER they vote!

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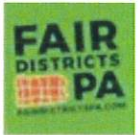
- **www.FairDistrictsPA.com**
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... is bad for business and communities

- US less competitive & economy threatened (*Harvard Business School, 2016, 2017*)
- Gerrymandered districts receive fewer discretionary federal funds and have less access to consumer credit (*SSRN, 2018, 2021*)

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA Polarization & Gridlock Negatively Impacts All of Us

PA: Failing Grades and Overdue for Reform

2024 Best States Rankings, *US News & World Report, 2025*

| Rank | Category | Rank | Category |
|--------------------|--------------|------|---------------------|
| #40 in Best States | Pennsylvania | #16 | Crime & Corrections |
| | | #41 | Economy |
| | | #39 | Education |
| | | #44 | Fiscal Stability |
| | | #11 | Health Care |
| | | #43 | Infrastructure |
| | | #37 | Natural Environment |
| | | #24 | Opportunity |

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA And that Polarization & Gridlock Play a Role in our Legislature's Inaction & Dysfunction

PA's legislature:

- Largest Full-time
- Very Expensive
- Unproductive

In past 10 years
< 10% of proposed bills enacted

One example (*Fair Districts PA, Jan. 2025a, p7*)

Inaction on UNANIMOUS votes!

- 25% no floor vote in full chamber (23/24)
- 56% no floor vote in other chamber (21/22)

Some say it's about Quality, not Quantity

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA Quality and Quantity Matter

Critical issues directly affecting local governments and schools ... Not dealt with for years ...

PRODUCTIVITY

- Provisions affecting Local Governments (many > 50 yrs old)
 - Analysis of Gen. Assembly Local Govt. Commission database Identified 6,000 statutory provisions / >3,000 mandatory / many of them regarding taxation (*PEL, 2017, 2022*)
- Election Administration Reforms (post Act 77, 2019)
 - Mail-in Ballots; Pre-canvassing, 15-day application deadline (*CCAP 2021, 2025*)
- ** Equitable School Funding (decades)
 - 2023 lawsuit / \$5.4B Adequacy Gap / FY2025 \$500M (*Basic Ed Funding Commission, 1/11/24; Spotlight PA, 1/14/25*)
- Pick an Issue You Care About _____!!

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA Quality and Quantity Matter

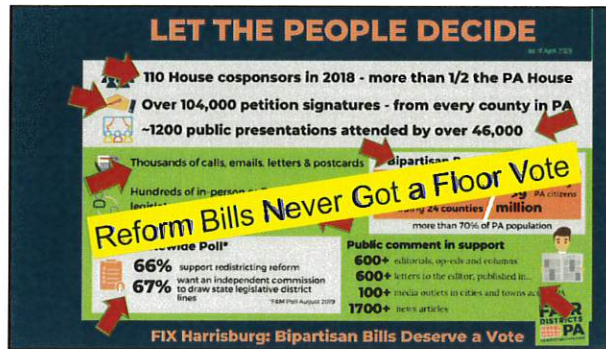
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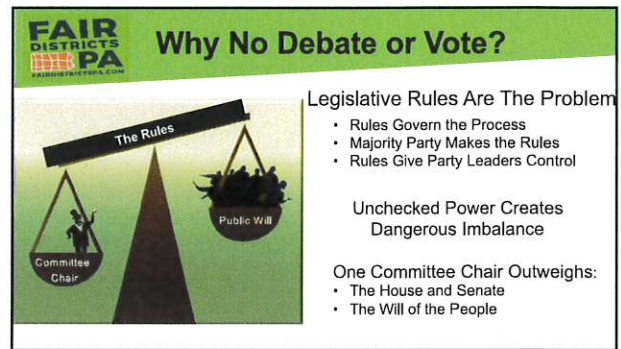
- Redistricting Reform
 - LVVPA working on this for more than 30 years!
- ** Testing for Lead in Children (2017 study / 2022 bill amended)
 - Violating their own rules, the Appropriations Committee changed mandate to suggestion (*Fair Districts PA, Jan 2025a, p12*)
- Pick an Issue You Care About _____!!

Recent redistricting reform bills illustrate the legislature's inaction and Dysfunction ...

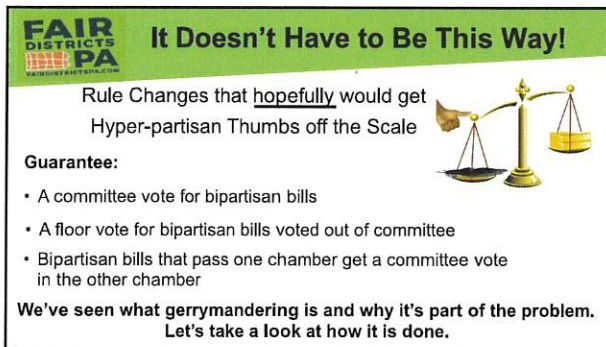
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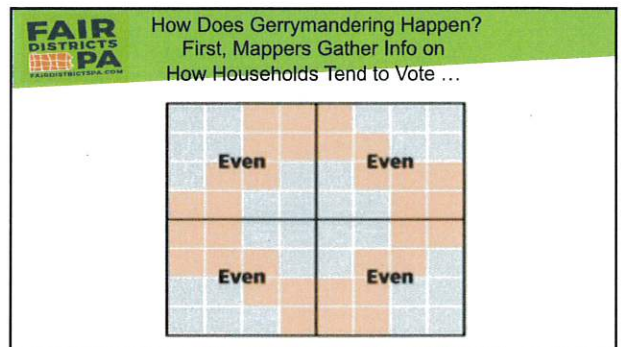
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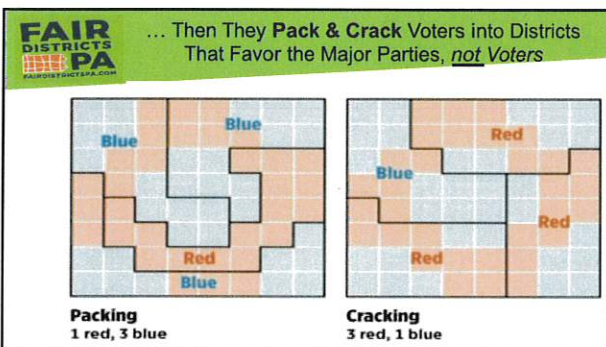
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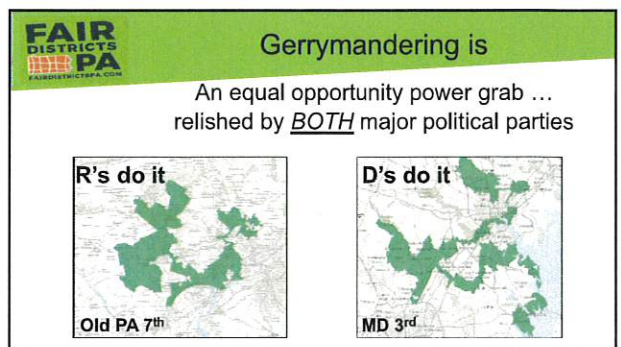
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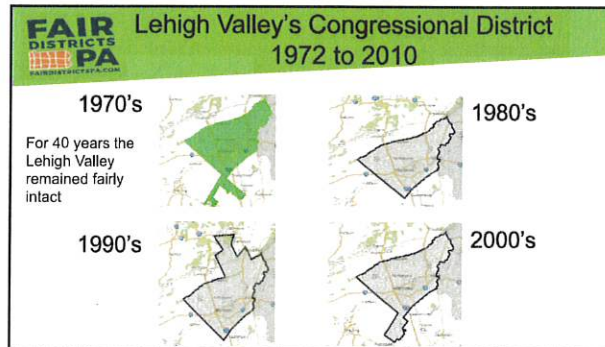
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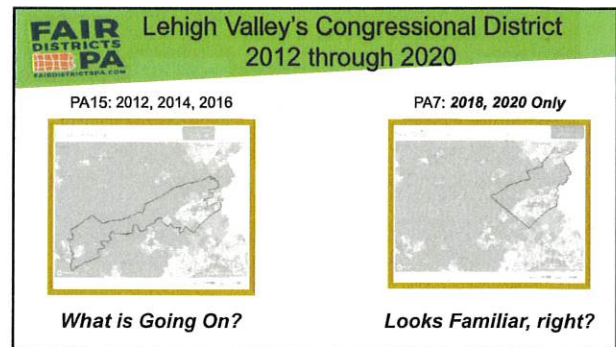
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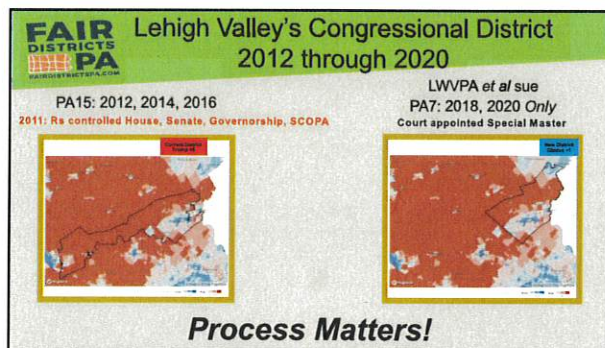
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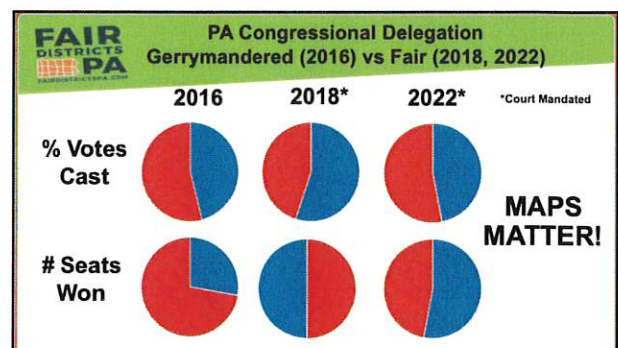
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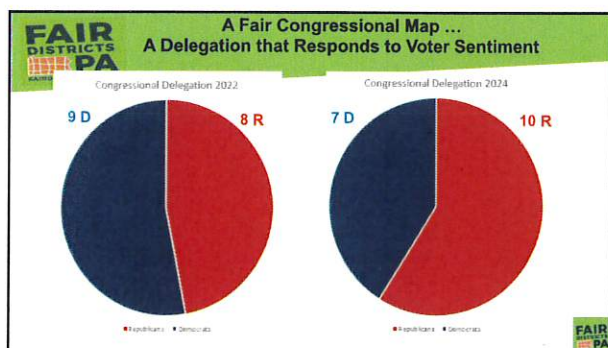
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LRC has long history of partisan-chair-enabled gerrymandering

2021 redistricting cycle was unique!

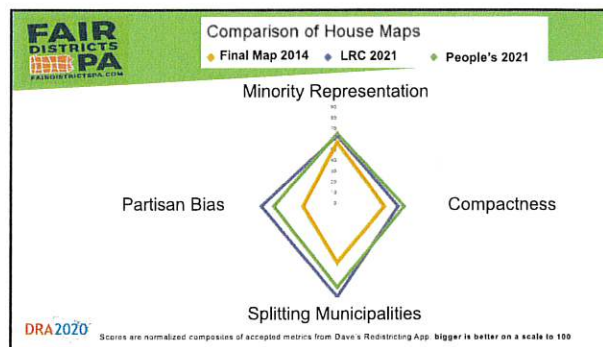
- SCOPA-selected LRC Chair lauded by both parties
Mark Nordenberg, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh & Chair of the University's Institute of Politics
- Public attention & engagement was very high
- Resulting maps are better than in the past

Some say, *it worked!* So, no need to change the law ...

Wrong! The law is, and the legislative leaders' participation was ... as flawed as ever!

Hmmm ... fair, yet flawed ... let's take a closer look

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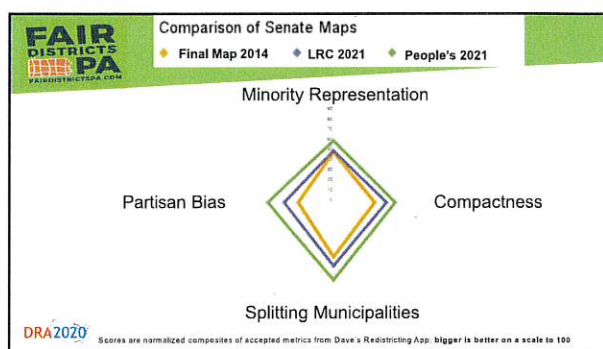
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PA House 2021 Redistricting Process
[LRC Chair Report 2022, pp 36-39]

- 2 House Leaders came with incompatible expectations
- Direct negotiations soon stopped
- To keep process moving LRC Chair met with leaders ... separately/private (Chair held public hearings & had robust website)
- Commission staff produced final "composite" map

Final House map drawn with input from, rather than dictated by, party leaders ... thanks to LRC Chair & Staff

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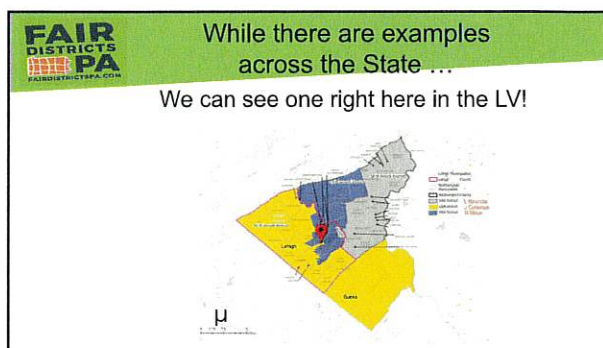
PA Senate 2021 Redistricting Process
[LRC Chair Report 2022, pp 36-39]

- 2 Senate Leaders attend initial LRC meetings, then ...
- "... regularly discussed reapportionment issues and negotiated between themselves."
- Chair served as mediator, when asked
- So, final "consensus" map dictated by Senate Leaders

A Classic Buddymander...

When party leaders make a "Sweetheart Deal" ... usually to protect *status quo* / incumbents

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Let's take a closer look at Senate District 16



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How Can We Fix It?

PA Constitutional Amendment to Create an Independent Redistricting Commission

HB 31 (53*) Pennsylvania General Assembly House Bill 31
SB 131 (19*) Pennsylvania General Assembly Senate Bill 131 *Cosponsors as of June 22, 2025

Bill Summary (Fair Districts PA, 2025b)
Comparison of Current & Proposed Commissions (Fair Districts PA, 2025c)

One Commission would draw district lines for

- Congressional
- State Senate
- State House

No process is perfect but we know these principles help:

- Commission Independence
- Transparent Public Process
- Prioritized Mapping Criteria



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Why does PA Need an IRC?

The next redistricting cycle will be in 2031, following the 2030 U.S. Census

No one knows ...

- Who will control the PA House or Senate
- Who will sit in the Governor's Office
- Which party will hold the PA Supreme Court majority

So, no one knows who will have final say in determining PA's legislative districts

- In 2008 Dems thought they would be in control, then came 2010 Red Wave

What we DO know

- Parties will gerrymander, increasing partisanship and voters' distrust
- True IRCs will draw maps that represent all of us (Campaign Legal Ctr, 2024)

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11 member IRC

formed every 10 years during the census cycle

Drawn from 3 pools of voters


- 4 voters registered with 2nd largest party
- 4 voters registered with largest party
- 3 voters Not registered with 2 largest parties

- January 1: Application process widely publicized
- Three vetting steps to narrow pools:
 - Ineligible applicants removed (politicians, staff, consultants, family, lobbyists)
 - State Ethics Commission (independent state agency) selects 60 most qualified in each pool
 - Senate & House Majority/Minority Leaders may each strike up to 2 applicants from each pool
- After vetting, first six commissioners selected by public random draw (2 from each pool)
- Six commissioners select remaining 5 for needed skills, geographic & demographic representation

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What We Propose: Process Transparency



- Follow Open Meetings Rules
- Public Access to Tools & Data
- Commission Maps Supported by Explanatory Data & Reports
- Public review for 10 days before voting on a map
- Open Commission Votes
 - need 7 to pass
 - at least 2 from each pool
- Fail-Safe Protections
 - Elimination vote
 - Deadline

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What We Propose: Clearly Defined & Prioritized Mapping Criteria

The redistricting plan must:

- Follow US Constitution, Federal Laws, Voting Rights Act

The redistricting plan shall not:

- Purposefully/unduly favor/disfavor an incumbent, a candidate or prospective elective office candidate
- On a statewide basis provide an artificial advantage to any political party.



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FAIR DISTRICTS PA What We Propose:
Clearly Defined & Prioritized Mapping Criteria

The redistricting plan shall

- Provide equal opportunity of representation for Racial Minorities
- Respect Communities of Interest (to the extent possible)
- Minimize County/Municipal Splits
- Adhere to Population Deviation Ranges
- Be Contiguous*
- Meet Standard Measures of Compactness (to the extent possible)



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FAIR DISTRICTS PA Avoiding a Deadlock: The Fail-Safe Vote

In the unlikely event the commission fails to approve a map with the proposed voting mechanism, any commissioner would be allowed to propose a map, accompanied by approved metrics and an explanatory report.

All proposed maps and reports would be posted on the commission website for ten days of public scrutiny and comment. After 10-day review, the commission votes using an elimination bracket, in a publicly accessible voting event.

- All commissioners rank all maps in that category.
- A pair of maps is randomly selected, and the one preferred by a majority is retained, the other eliminated.
- This is repeated until a final winning map is determined.




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FAIR DISTRICTS PA One More Important Change the Bill Makes ...

It Eliminates Prison Gerrymandering

If you lived in PA before you were incarcerated,
You would get counted
where you lived prior to incarceration

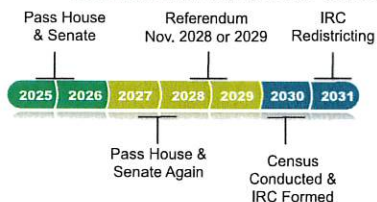



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FAIR DISTRICTS PA 2030 is So Far Away ...
Why Do We Need Your Help Now?

Constitutional Amendments **Take a Long Time**

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA So, How Could You Help?

Greatest need for next few months: Help us meet with your legislator to ...

Ask them to: Co-sponsor / help get public hearings and a vote on HB31/SB131

If they already are a co-sponsor: Thank them!
And ask them to help get a vote

Training & support are available before, during, & after meeting with them

Learn more at: www.FairDistrictsPA.com/take-action Email: FDPAlehighValleyPA@gmail.com

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FAIR DISTRICTS PA LV Legislator Support for Independent Redistricting Commission

| District | State Senator | District | State Representative |
|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 14 | Nick Miller | 22 | Joshua Siegel |
| 16 | Jarrett Coleman | 131 | Milou Mackenzie |
| 18 | Lisa Boscola | 132 | Michael Schlossberg * |
| | | 133 | Jeanne McNeill |
| | | 134 | Peter Schweyer |
| | | 135 | Steve Samuelson * |
| | | 136 | Robert Freeman |
| | | 137 | Joe Emrick |
| | | 138 | Ann Flood |
| | | 183 | Zachary Mako |
| | | 187 | Gary Day |

HB31 / SB131 Support
Co-Sponsor
* Prime Sponsor
Not yet co-sponsoring

As of June 22, 2025

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More Ways to Help

Spread the word to family & friends. Finally, an issue you can agree on!

Call or Meet with your Legislator: Teams forming now!

- Ask them to co-sponsor; thank them when they do co-sponsor
- Ask them to call for public hearings and a vote on HB31/SB131

Request a Speaker: For your community organization or congregation

Write a Letter to the Editor: Examples available

Staff a Table on Election Day 2025: Talk to voters AFTER they vote!

Staff a Table at Community Events

Follow Us on Social Media: Help boost our posts

Tips & Help at www.FairDistrictsPA.com/take-action

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Learn more ...

- www.FairDistrictsPA.com
 - Background info and latest updates
 - Find online and in-person events and ways you could help
 - Find your legislator ... and see whether they are supporters of HB31/SB131
 - Click *Join Us* button to explore volunteer options to find ones that work for you
- Monthly FDPA Zoom updates:** at www.FairDistrictsPA.com/events
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What's the Take-Away?

Gerrymandering may not be the issue you care about most ...

It's just the issue we need to fix first.



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