



Redistricting Reform Fact Sheet

The League of Women Voters of the United States has supported impartial redistricting since 1966 and is advocating for redistricting reform in both Democratic and Republican majority states. LWV supports redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.

Redistricting Process & Criteria

Redistricting should be conducted with full **public transparency** and **citizen participation** at all stages. Districts **should not intentionally favor or disfavor any individual or political party**. The criteria for redistricting should be based substantially on population (“one person, one vote”), avoid dividing precincts, cities, counties, or communities of interest to form compact and contiguous electoral districts, and must comply with all federal laws. Responsibility should be vested in an **impartial commission (not elected officials)** with membership that reflects the diversity of North Carolina.

The Public Supports Redistricting Reform

- 69% of unaffiliated, 59% of Democrat, 49% of Republican North Carolinian voters support redistricting reform. (PPP, 1/2017)
- 66% of Republicans and unaffiliated voters nationally support impartial redistricting. (College of William and Mary, 1/2016)

Redistricting Reform Benefits Legislators and Citizens

- Regain citizens’ trust in the democratic process. Only 22% of voters approve of the job the General Assembly is doing. (PPP, 9/16)
- Create a process that avoids court challenges.
 - NC has lost 83% (10 of 12, 1 split) of the 16 redistricting lawsuits since 2000 and has three pending cases. (National Conference of State Legislatures, Loyola Law School, Brennan Center).
 - Only 18% of voters approve of paying for lawsuits to defend laws that are ultimately overturned by the courts. (PPP, 9/16)
- Create districts that recognize municipal and county boundaries.
- Increase the sense of community within the districts that legislators represent.
- Reduce travel time for legislators and citizens within the district when meeting with constituents.
- Ensure equal treatment of communities of interest.

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