



Who We Are

Fair Districts for Ohio is a bipartisan coalition seeking to improve the process of drawing state legislative districts in Ohio. Co-Chairmen Matt Huffman and Vernon Sykes began building the coalition after a near unanimous vote by state lawmakers from both parties to place a constitutional amendment before the voters of Ohio to reform the process of drawing districts. With overwhelming support from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, the issue will appear on the ballot this November giving Ohioans the opportunity to ensure state legislative districts are fair for everyone.

About The Issue

The first major overhaul to Ohio's process of drawing state legislative districts in over 40 years, this measure brings reforms to several key areas:

Bipartisan

- ✓ Creates a new seven-member bipartisan panel called the "Ohio Redistricting Commission."
- ✓ The commission must have at least two members from the minority party.
- ✓ Requires the commission to be co-chaired by two members, one chosen by each party.
- ✓ Requires at least two votes from each party in order to approve a district plan, otherwise a temporary plan is put in place and the commission must reconvene to redraw it.

Transparent

- ✓ Requires all commission meetings be open to the public and broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.
- ✓ The commission must hold a minimum of three public hearings.
- ✓ Before voting on a district plan, the commission is required to present the proposal to the public and to seek public input.
- ✓ Requires the commission to submit a statement to the public explaining their process.

Fairness

- ✓ Protects against gerrymandering by prohibiting any plan from primarily favoring one political party.
- ✓ Requires districts to closely follow the statewide preferences of the voters.

Accountable

- ✓ Creates a process for the Ohio Supreme court to order the commission to redraw the map if the plan favors one political party.

Protects Communities

- ✓ Keeps our communities together by requiring a district plan to split as few counties, municipal corporations, and townships as possible.