



League of Women Voters of Ohio

Legislative Alert: Redistricting Update

Dear Friends,

Earlier this week, we asked you to contact your state legislators to urge them to pass a bipartisan redistricting reform bill.

Last night, the Ohio House passed an amended, bipartisan version of HJR 12 by a vote of 80-4. We are encouraged by the overwhelming bipartisan support in the House. While the amended bill is not perfect, it follows some of our important principles:

- Compactness and increased emphasis on honoring county boundaries;
- Strong provisions on representative fairness - making sure that our representatives reflect the voters' partisan preferences.

However, it is important to note that HJR 12 only changes the way state legislative districts are drawn. We are disappointed it doesn't include Congress, and we will continue to work for reform in that area.

The Ohio Senate is expected to take up HJR 12 next week. We will keep you updated of important developments.

Thank you for your continued support of LWVO's work toward fair districts!

Yours In League,

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