

Additional Public Comments

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Stephen H.

Please! I beg of the committee that the members will draw a fair, representative map. Our Republic is so political polarized, despite the majority of citizens being " centrists", that we can't afford another situation in which people find more evidence that their vote does not count. Please, Mr. Chairperson, ensure that there is no Gerrymandering, that the redistricting reflects fairness rather than political advantage. More Gerrymandering will simply further reduce citizens' faith in the validity, fairness, and durability of our Commonwealth and Country.

Michael R.

I am just submitting a brief comment regarding redistricting:

I want to see state house, state senate, and Congressional districts that are competitive. I am sick and tired of candidates running unopposed or having very lopsided victories. We value and expect competition in our private sector, we should also value and expect competition in our elections. Competition means candidates have to work harder to earn votes, make better arguments, and build a broader base of support, not just belong to a particular party.

Thank you!

Reinhold B.

In a fair debate, how can any redistricting help protect the rural communities' views from the urban centers in the commonwealth? There are MAJOR differences in viewpoints between the two, as was abundantly apparent with the fraud out of one of our major cities in the last presidential election.

Patricia R.

Could you please tell us the criteria you are using to draw Congressional district maps? One cannot compare maps with different criteria. We would also need those criteria to be prioritized, assuming you have more than one criterion. Please release this information immediately as some mappers might like to use your criteria to redraw maps that could be compared. Thank You.

Donna K.

Why is the PA House GOP providing this website in a way that makes clear this will be a partisan process, and without coordination with Senate colleagues?

Who will draw the final map and is there a commitment to including citizen input when that map is drawn?

Will there be an opportunity on this site for the public to review and comment on the proposed map before it's given a vote?

Cindy F.

I would like an explanation of the rationale behind having random citizens draw redistricting maps. On the face of it, this seems asinine. What am I missing? Please enlighten me!

Karen W.

I am support of the redistricting maps developed by Fair Districts. It is crucial that these maps be drawn in an impartial manner. Do not politicize the right for all Pennsylvanians to share their voices equally.

Linda S.

Count and divide the population evenly between the legislators affected. Once in office the legislators represent everyone in their district so the political preferences shouldn't affect the districting at all.

Patrick M.

I did not find this page to be of any use in submitting a plan for congressional redistricting.

Laurie P.

I have viewed the suggested congressional map submitted by "Draw the Lines". I live in Dauphin County, and this map does not represent my community of interest! If Dauphin County must be divided, the upper rural third should be joined to Lebanon county leaving the entire lower 2/3s (urban and suburban) from Susquehanna Twp over to East Hanover Twp and down to the border of Lancaster County together as a district. I live in South Hanover township, and my community of interest, where I carry on the majority of my life, definitely includes Harrisburg, but almost never includes Lebanon County (mostly rural) with the exception of Palmyra.

John F.

Being a geographer by training, a political geek by choice, and an anti-gerrymandering advocate by frustration, I thought it would be fascinating to draw a redistricting map based on regions within the state that shared geography and demographics (and not necessarily politics. I thought the redistricting was a legitimate attempt to solicit input and perspectives from Pennsylvanians, but it was instead an exercise in futility with dreadful software that ultimately wouldn't even let me finish the map! I cannot fathom how many hours I spent on this, only to be unable to submit a map because it couldn't be completed to be validated. Beyond the frustration of software with more bugs than a swamp in summer, I'm additionally annoyed (though I should hardly be surprised) with the fact that even this had partisan overtones. Even your e-mails identify you as members of your party rather than members of the governing body. It is little wonder anything of substance gets done in the General Assembly and next to nothing of a bipartisan nature is ever enacted into law. This charade of involving the people would appear to be further testimony that the parties, rather than the people remain the most important priority in Pennsylvania politics, exacerbating the divide that only gets worse.