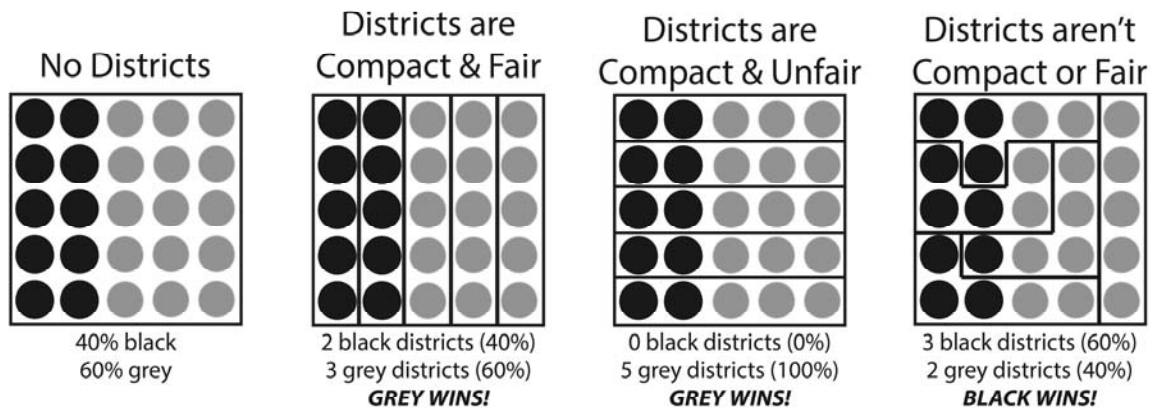


- **A broader and more independent commission selection process.** Eight of the nine Commission members would be appointed by the legislative leadership. We have concerns that this process would limit the independence of the Commission members and would result in a Commission that is not representative of Hoosier voters.
- **The allowance of secret discussions.** The draft would allow Commission members to have private, ex-parte discussions with legislators and others directly impacted by the maps.
- **Protection for incumbent Senators.** The draft says that incumbent Senators cannot be put in a district with another incumbent Senator. We believe that districts should be drawn in the public interest, not to protect incumbents.

Gerrymandering Simplified



The Indiana Coalition for Independent Redistricting has put forth a proposal that merges the best features from California and Iowa redistricting laws, including the following:

- A nine member commission composed of 3 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 3 voters who are neither Republican nor Democrat would direct the redistricting process.
- Any qualified Hoosier could submit an application to serve and legislative leaders would select finalists from the public submissions, but a random draw would determine final commission members.
- Commission members must be ethnically, geographically and gender diverse.

This group, representative of Hoosier voters would direct the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency in drawing the maps, using ranked statutory criteria. Map-drawing criteria must be ranked in order of importance:

- Equal population and respect for the Voting Rights Act must come first because of legal requirements.
- Contiguity, compactness and political competition should also be considered. The more vibrant the political competition, the more vibrant and representative our democratic processes will be.
- There should be special consideration giving to identifying communities of interest. Care should be taken to ensure that district lines do not divide communities or inhibit their ability to make their voices heard in political and legislative arenas.

The redistricting process must be open and transparent, with opportunities for citizens to impact the map-drawing throughout.

- The public should have access to map-drawing software and all tools available to the official map drafters, so they will be able to submit their own map proposals to the Commission.

Representation is a crucial element of a strong democracy.
Redistricting is crucial to representation.

Take Action!

The 2017 Indiana General Assembly allowed House Bill 1014 to die in the House Elections and Apportionment Committee without taking a vote. HB1014 was sponsored by Speaker Brian Bosma and Rep. Jerry Torr and would have been a significant step in the right direction for redistricting.

Your State Senator and State Representative need to hear from you!

Urge them to support redistricting reform in the 2018 Indiana General Assembly by putting a group INDEPENDENT of the General Assembly in charge of drawing districts.

To look up and/or
e-mail your legislators, visit:
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