

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, legislators in both political parties have used the current redistricting procedure to give their parties an unbreakable political advantage in elections, and;

WHEREAS, every person's vote should count and the number of wasted votes should be kept to a minimum, and;

WHEREAS, the redistricting process is one that should be conducted with transparency in an open-door manner with opportunities for public dialogue and feedback rather than in secrecy.

WHEREAS, the best interests of North Carolina are served by promoting public confidence in our political system, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That North Carolina will create a Citizen's Redistricting Commission to establish electoral boundaries for the NC House, NC Senate, and US Congressional districts, and;

RESOLVED, That the Citizen's Redistricting Commission will consist of five commissioners from the largest political party in North Carolina, five commissioners from the second largest party in North Carolina, and four commissioners from neither party, and;

RESOLVED, That the Citizen's Redistricting Commission will have the final say in establishing electoral boundaries and those boundaries may not be modified by the North Carolina General Assembly, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Citizen's Redistricting Commission shall draw new district boundaries:

1. That comply with "one person, one vote."
2. That comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act.
3. That exhibit geographic continuity.
4. That exhibit geographic integrity.
5. That exhibit geographic compactness.
6. That result in the least number of wasted votes.
7. That result in the fewest instances of splitting counties where practical and is not in conflict with the previous criteria, the constitution of North Carolina, and the laws of the United States.