

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 a substantial 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 best interests of North Carolina are served by promoting public confidence in our political system; now, 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

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.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Constitution be amended to give sole authority to the nonpartisan redistricting Committee to determine electoral boundaries for State Legislative and US Congressional Districts in NC.