**An Independent Redistricting Commission**

Tell your legislator ***“It’s time to let the voters decide!”***

Support the 2023 House Joint Resolution

**Multiple polls over the last six years have shown overwhelming public support for an independent redistricting commission. The most recent was a 2022 poll that showed *77% of likely voters want an independent redistricting commission separate from the legislature. Only 12% opposed. (1)***

Tell your legislator that you want them to vote for the House Joint Resolution that would put the question of creation of an independent redistricting commission on the 2024 ballot.

**The 2021 Redistricting Reaffirmed the Need for a Constitutional Amendment**

The 2021 Redistricting Act created a seven-person Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC). The CRC conducted fourteen public meetings and took input online. They then presented the Legislature with three alternative maps for Congress, New Mexico House, New Mexico Senate, and the Public Education Commission. The Legislature was not required to accept any of the CRC proposed maps. *Some maps drawn and finally selected by the legislature prioritized incumbency protection over fair redistricting. For instance, the CRC recommended maps for the NM Senate had incumbents paired in 4 districts. The maps approved by the Legislature only paired incumbents in one district.*

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(1) Conducted in March 2022 by BSP Research who conducted a survey of 500 highly likely voters in New Mexico regarding the most recent redistricting process in New Mexico. They conducted the survey online and allowed respondents to review background information.



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