

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING PROCESS TO DRAW STATE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN NORTH CAROLINA (2017-03-13/R-1)

WHEREAS, elected officials are more responsive to their constituents when voters have a choice of candidate, thereby increasing accountability and serving the best interests of the voters; and

WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they believe that their votes will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and

WHEREAS, the current state redistricting process creates a conflict of interest as lawmakers are effectively selecting their own constituents; and

WHEREAS, an independent, non-partisan redistricting process will ensure fairness and promote confidence in our political system; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina will benefit from a method for drawing legislative and congressional districts that is independent and transparent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the North Carolina's General Assembly should establish and immediately conduct an independent redistricting process that includes the principles of diversity, along with partisan balance and geography, in order to make sure that every vote counts in North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore and House Speaker, Tim Moore.

This the 13th day of March, 2017.