

H.R. 1: Independent Redistricting Commissions

H.R. 1 would require every state to establish an independent citizen redistricting commission to draw the state's congressional districts using impartial and nonpartisan redistricting standards.

1 Nonpartisan State Agency

Each state designates a nonpartisan agency of the legislature or establishes one to screen applicants to the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

2 Eligibility to Serve

Applicants must be:

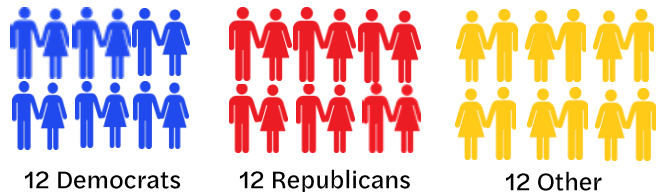
- ✓ Registered to vote in the state's federal elections
- ✓ Registered to vote with the same party affiliation for three consecutive years

Ineligible applicants include anyone who has been, anytime within the last 5 years, a:

- ✗ Candidate for office or elected official
- ✗ Political party officer, campaign employee, or consultant
- ✗ Registered lobbyist
- ✗ Employee of an elected official, a contractor with the legislature, or campaign donor who donated over \$20,000 to any campaigns
- ✗ Family members of any of the above

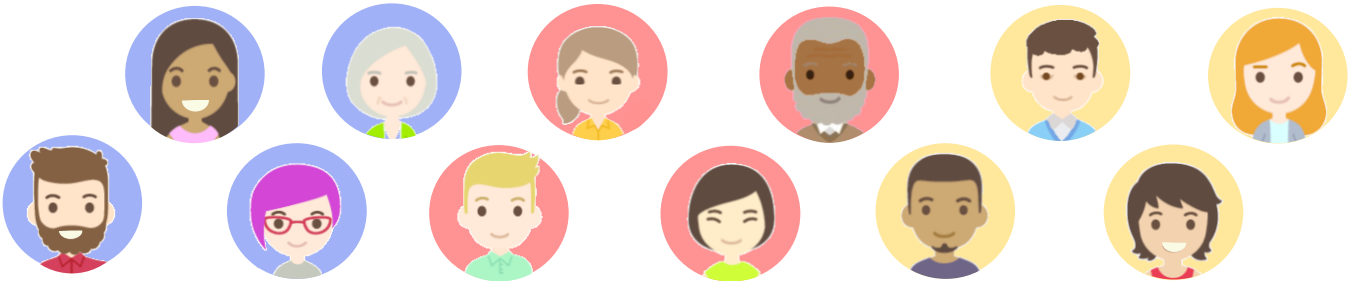
3 Further Screening

The nonpartisan agency narrows the applicant pool to 12 Democrats, 12 Republicans, and 12 not registered with either of the two major parties. This pool should *represent the demographics and geography of the state with emphasis on relevant analytical skills and ability to be impartial*. Legislative leaders of both major parties must approve the pool.



4 Final Selection

The nonpartisan agency randomly selects 4 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 4 Others to serve on the state's Independent Redistricting Commission.



5 Engaging the Public and Drawing Districts

The Independent Redistricting Commission must hold at least three public hearings to solicit and consider public comments before and after developing a preliminary map. The maps must be drawn according to ranked criteria. The map can be approved by a majority vote of seven commissioners, with at least one vote from each political party category required.

Ranked Redistricting Criteria:

- 1 Equal population
- 2 Voting Rights Act
- 3 Contiguity
- 4 Minimized divisions of any community of interest, municipality, county, or neighborhood
- 5 Compactness

Prohibited from consideration:

- ✗ A population's party affiliation or voting history
- ✗ Residence of a member of Congress or candidate

6 Back-up Plan

If the state does not designate a nonpartisan agency, the state legislative leaders do not approve a selection pool, or the commission does not approve a map, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will draw the districts.