



Working to Ensure **FAIR DISTRICTS & FAIR ELECTIONS**

Two Bills, One Commission

Redistricting in Pennsylvania by district type:

- **Congressional districts** are determined by a bill passed through the normal legislative process (neither PA nor U.S. constitutions have any significant language about this), so the congressional redistricting process may be changed through the normal legislative process as well.
- **Legislative districts** are determined according to a process defined in the PA Constitution (i.e., a five-person politically appointed commission), so any change to this process requires an amendment to the PA Constitution.

2017-18 REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL			
DISTRICT TYPE	BILL	INTENT	OUTCOME
Congressional (federal)	SB 22 and HB 722 (virtually identical)	Create an independent redistricting commission to draw BOTH TYPES of districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 22 Amended & passed in PA Senate • HB 722/ SB 22 Never brought to the floor in PA House
Legislative (state)			

2019-20 REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL			
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DISTRICT TYPE	BILL	INTENT	TIMELINE
Congressional (federal)	HB 23 (Rep. Samuelson)	Address election code to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an independent redistricting commission (normal legislative process) • Include language protecting redistricting for both congressional and legislative districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass in 2019-20 session
Legislative (state)	HB 22 (Rep. Murt)	Amend the PA Constitution to extend the independent redistricting commission established in HB 23 to BOTH TYPES of districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass in both the 2019-20 and 2021-22 sessions • Voter referendum in May Primary Election of 2021 • Commission will already be in place with prior passage of HB 23