



“2 Bills, 1 Commission Solution”

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Redistricting by district type:

- Congressional districts are determined by a bill passed through the normal legislative process (neither PA nor US Constitutions have any significant language about this), and so the congressional redistricting process may be changed through the normal legislative process as well...
- ...but Legislative districts are determined according to a process defined in the PA Constitution (i.e. a 5-person politically appointed commission), and so any change to this process requires an amendment to the PA Constitution.

2018 REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL			
DISTRICT TYPE	BILL	INTENT	OUTCOME
Congressional (federal)	HB 722 (SB22 virtually identical)	Create an Independent Redistricting Commission to draw BOTH TYPES of districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed in PA Senate • Never brought to the floor in House
Legislative (state)			

CURRENT REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL: “Two Bills, One Commission Solution”			
DISTRICT TYPE	BILL	INTENT	TIMELINE
Congressional (federal)	HB23 (Rep. Samuelson)	Addresses election code: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an Independent Redistricting Commission (normal legislative process) • Include language protecting redistricting for both congressional and legislative districts 	Pass in 2019-20 session
Legislative (state)	HB22 (Rep. Murt)	Amend the PA Constitution to extend the Independent Redistricting Commission established in HB23 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 in 2021 • IRC will already be in place with passage of HB23.