



# The Democracy Act

Stop gerrymandering in  
Georgia with Transparency,  
Standards, & a Citizens'  
Redistricting Commission

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# Transparency

1. Citizens must have meaningful opportunities to learn about the maps being drawn and to give input into the design of those maps.
2. An internet portal will be established to share draft maps, Commission communication, and other materials produced by the Commission.
3. Draft maps have to be understandable to non-specialists.
4. Hearings have to be held in each congressional district with meaningful citizen input sought and followed.
5. Information about the hearings and the process must be published in local newspapers in all congressional districts for people without internet access.
6. All meetings must be public. Commissioners and legislators or other political leaders cannot have private meetings for any purpose.
7. Citizens can file lawsuits if these transparency features are not followed.

## Standards for Districts

1. *Districts must comply with the US Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, & US laws.*
2. *District maps cannot be drawn to limit the rights of any citizen of the US based on race, color, or language-minority status.*
3. *District maps must be geographically contiguous.*
4. *District maps must have roughly the same population.*
5. District maps must conform to county lines as much as possible.
6. District maps cannot breach precinct boundaries.
7. District maps cannot favor any political party, incumbent, or other person/group.
8. District maps cannot be based on existing maps.
9. District maps cannot be based on home addresses of incumbents, political affiliation of voters, past election results, voting history data, or anything demographic other than population head counts.

## The Citizens' Redistricting Commission

1. The Citizens' Redistricting Commission is made up of 14 citizens: five Republicans, five Democrats, and four Independents.
2. The Democracy Act carefully limits membership on the Commission (for example, no members of the Georgia General Assembly).
3. The Act details how the Commission is formed. Selection of Commissioners begins with an application process open to all citizens of Georgia.
4. The Act details the work of the Commission.
5. The Act sets a timeline for the creation of the Commission and for its work.
6. The Citizens' Commission must follow the transparency rules and standards of the Democracy Act.
7. The Georgia General Assembly must fund the Commission.