

Amendment #1 is Flawed and Does Not End Partisan Gerrymandering

Amendment #1 creates a new system where eight legislators and eight legislator-approved citizens will control the redistricting process. It creates a new backroom for deals to be made among legislators to ensure their reelection. It also leaves the criteria for how the commission draws districts in the hands of the General Assembly. Legislators should not be part of nor in control of drawing districts.

- X DOES NOT create an independent and nonpartisan redistricting commission.**
- X DOES NOT end the influence of legislators in the redistricting process.**
- X DOES NOT implement safeguards or guidelines for redrawing districts.**
- X DOES NOT protect voting strength of communities of color.**
- X WILL lock Virginia voters into unfair districts for another 10 years or longer.**

The Democratic Party of Virginia, Fairfax County Democratic Committee, Virginia NAACP and SEIU Local 512 all urge you to **vote NO on Constitutional Amendment #1.**

THE ALTERNATIVE

The new Democratic majority has already passed legislation that sets fair and balanced standards and guidelines for redistricting state legislature and Congressional districts (HB 1255 / SB 717) for 2020. But this legislation will have no effect if Amendment #1 passes!

The Democratic Party of Virginia and a majority of Democratic legislators are advocating for an independent commission of citizens who have no connections to elected officials to draw the districts. There is legislation along these lines written for the next session which has an excellent chance of passing to actually end partisan gerrymandering in Virginia.

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