

Fair Districts Facts

- Ohioans overwhelming voted to end gerrymandering in 2015 and again in 2018.
- Currently districts are so unfairly drawn that voters no longer choose their representatives. Representatives choose their voters. This results in artificially favoring one political party and disenfranchising other voters.
- Ohio ranks in the top 10 states for unfairly drawing districts.
- This is our year to make the change. Contact your legislator and demand Fair Districts. We must have (1) compactness; (2) respect for county and municipal boundaries; (3) competitiveness within districts; (4) fairness – balance the number of districts which favor each party; (5) transparency.

Call or write your Ohio representatives:
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Why a salamander image to represent Gerrymandering?

On February 11, 1812 Elbridge Gerry, then governor of Massachusetts, signed into law a redistricting plan designed to keep his political party in power in the upcoming election. Reportedly the editor of the Boston Gazette in talking with a fellow editor about a map of the newly drawn districts, compared the shape of Gerry's district to a salamander. The editor said, "Salamander! Call it a Gerrymander" and the word is still used today.



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