

People Not Politicians

Payette National Forest

People Not Politicians is a broad and diverse coalition proposing a ballot measure to reform Oregon's redistricting process and create a fairer, more transparent system. At its simplest, Initiative Petition 57 would create an independent citizen redistricting commission made up of everyday Oregonians, not partisan politicians.

We believe Oregon voters should choose their politicians — politicians should not choose their voters.

End gerrymandering in Oregon

As we approach the 2020 census and the potential that Oregon's population growth will result in the addition of a sixth congressional district as well as the redrawing of all of Oregon's congressional and legislative district boundaries, we need to make sure the process for drawing new district boundaries is fair.

The fox is guarding the hen house

Drawing congressional and legislative district lines has been controlled for too long by politicians. Letting politicians draw their own districts is like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. This conflict of interest all too often results in voting districts that don't align with our communities.

Newspapers around the state agree

The Bulletin

"The idea makes sense...There's ample room for partisan politics in the current system, and that's what a commission system could be expected to change."

November 18, 2019

Mail Tribune

"Relying on those in power to draw the lines that help determine who stays in power is not the best way to protect the public interest in fair representation."

November 14, 2019

The Oregonian

"...promising proposal to counter self-serving politics."

November 17, 2019

IP 57 is the reform Oregon needs

- Creates an independent commission to draw fair and impartial districts so that every vote matters.
- Removes those who have an inherent conflict of interest from drawing voting lines.
- Allows for better representation for geographic, economic, social, community and political diversity for Oregonians.
- Reforms the process to draw districts in a fair and transparent way so that the people can have a voice in their representation.

How does it work?
Turn to find out!

Be part of the movement

Our diverse coalition is rallying for equal, fair and transparent representation at state and congressional levels. We represent hundreds of thousands of Oregonians from all party affiliations, income levels, backgrounds, identities, and all corners of Oregon. Oregonians deserve the best possible representative government, so we're working hard to make that happen.

Join us to bring a more fair, transparent and non-partisan redistricting system to Oregon in November 2020.

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The League of Women Voters of Oregon Oregon Farm Bureau

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The Independent Party of Oregon

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...and others!

Initiative Petition 57: End Gerrymandering in Oregon

Oregonians apply to serve Applicants must be:

- ✓ Registered to vote in Oregon;
- Continuously affiliated for three years with the same political party or with no party; and
- Have voted in two of the last three general elections
 OR a resident of Oregon for at least three years.

Applicants must not be, anytime within the last 4 years:

- Candidate or elected official for federal, state, county or other elective paid office;
- × Party officers and consultants;
- × Registered lobbyists;
- Major donor, staff, consultant of a federal or state officeholder or campaign;
- Close relatives of any of the above.

2 Review Panel nominates finalists

A tri-partisan panel of Oregon Administrative Law Judges reviews applicants.

- Review panel selects 50 members from the 1st
 largest party, 50 from the 2nd largest party, and 50
 others from neither of the two largest parties who
 possess the most relevant analytical skills, the ability
 to be impartial and promote consensus, and an
 appreciation for and are reflective of Oregon's
 diversity.
- No contact with state legislators, members of Congress, or their agents about the selection process is allowed.

3 12 Oregonians are chosen

The Oregon Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission has 12 commissioners:

- 4 from the largest party, 4 from the second largest party, and 4 who are not from either of these parties.
- 6 are chosen randomly from the pool, 6 are chosen for balance and diversity.

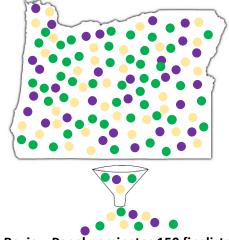
4 Engaging the Public and Drawing Districts

Commission must hold at least 10 public hearings. At least one hearing is required in each congressional district and at least one in each of Oregon's regions: coastal, Portland, Willamette Valley, southern, central, and east of the Cascades. Seven votes needed to approve map must include one from each pool (Ds, Rs, Others).

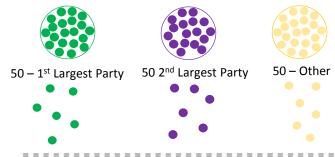
Ranked Redistricting Criteria:

- 1 U.S. Constitution and Voting Rights Act
- Equal total population
- 3 Contiguity
- 4 City, county, neighborhood, communities of interest, competitiveness

Application process is open to all Oregonians



Review Panel nominates 150 finalists



12 Member Oregon Citizens Redistricting Commission

2 - 1st Largest Party, 2 - 2nd Largest Party, 2 - Others; selected randomly



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Prohibited

- Considering the address of officeholder or candidate
- Favoring or discriminating against officeholder, candidate, or political party
- Creating a district for the purpose of or with the effect of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic identity group

