

**Illinois Redistricting Collaborative
2018 Gubernatorial Gerrymandering Survey**

Please return this survey response no later than close of business on January 23, 2018.

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2018 Gerrymandering Survey Questions:

1. Do you believe we need to end gerrymandering and change the way Illinois draws its legislative maps?

Yes or No Please explain:

2. Do you support an amendment to the Illinois Constitution to end gerrymandering by changing the redistricting process to create a nonpartisan commission tasked with drawing Illinois legislative maps?

Yes or No Please explain:

The body designated to carry out this function should represent the gender, racial, and geographic diversity of the state.

3. Would you publicly support a citizen petition initiative to pass an Illinois Constitutional amendment to change the mapmaking process?

Yes or No Please explain:

I've supported this concept for years, however, State Supreme Court decisions on this matter suggest that this may not be possible.

4. As Governor, would you actively advocate for a redistricting reform amendment ballot initiative by the Illinois General Assembly?

Yes or No Please explain:

5. Our coalition believes that legislative changes to the **current** redistricting process should also be pursued, along with a constitutional amendment that reforms the entire system. Do you support changes to the current redistricting process to create rules that make the process more transparent and accountable?

Yes or No Please explain:

6. Do you support changes to the current redistricting process that would allow more time for citizens to provide feedback on proposed legislative maps?

Yes or No Please explain:

7. Do you support changes to the current redistricting process that would provide resources for citizens and community organizations to analyze proposed legislative maps?

Yes or No Please explain:

The general public should have access to the same information that the Illinois General Assembly uses during the redistricting process. I would also support efforts to make redistricting software available online so that the general public has to the tools necessary to fully engage in this process.

8. Do you support prison gerrymandering reform bill HB0205, which requires the Secretary of State to prepare redistricting data to reflect the incarcerated persons at their residential address, rather than the address of the facility in which the person is incarcerated?

Yes or No Please explain:

9. If elected, would you make redistricting reform a top priority in your administration?

Yes or No Please explain:

10. Would you support redistricting reform for county, municipal, and special units of government?

Yes or No Please explain:

The state should extend the statutory protections established in the Illinois Voting Rights Act to local units of government in order to support, protect, and enhance racial and language minority voting rights in the redistricting process.

11. Do you support instituting the following principles to guide Illinois' next redistricting process? Please circle your position and explain the principles you don't agree with:

I. COMPLY WITH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

The process must be in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Constitution. All persons -- regardless of age, citizenship, immigration status, ability or eligibility to vote -- should be accurately counted through the Census. In accordance with the U.S. Constitution, districts should be populated equally, as nearly as is practicable.

Yes or No Please explain:

II. COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

The process must emphasize representation and be fully compliant with both the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) and all state voting rights laws, including the Illinois Voting Rights Act. The letter and the spirit of the VRA should be reflected in redistricting to protect the rights of voters of color. To advance these foundational goals, redistricting decision-makers should exercise their latitude under the law to create majority-minority, coalition, and influence districts.

Yes or No Please explain:

The redistricting process must prioritize efforts to maximize the influence that racial and language minority populations have in the electoral process.

III. COMPRISE AND UPHOLD A NON-PARTISANSHIP PROCESS

The process should be independent of partisan political considerations. Mapmaking must include provisions and resources ensuring independence from political parties and legislative leaders. The process must include diverse decision-makers who reflect a broad range of viewpoints and who prioritize people and communities. Mapping consultants and software contracts, paid for with public resources, should be awarded on merit rather than partisan affiliation.

Yes or No Please explain:

The body designated to carry out this function should represent the gender, racial, and geographic diversity of the state.

IV. MAXIMIZE VOTER CHOICE, ELECTORAL CANDIDACY AND COMPETITIVENESS

The process should result in maximizing voter choice, encouraging electoral candidacy and enhancing electoral competitiveness.

Yes or No Please explain:

V. RECOGNIZE AND PRESERVE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The process should give consideration to true communities of interest. To the extent possible, but secondary to the protection of voting rights, populations with common social, ethnic or economic interests and/or shared political and geographic boundaries should have unified representation.

Yes or No Please explain:

The redistricting process should prioritize efforts to maximize racial and language minority participation in the electoral process. There should be more dialogue about how giving consideration to economic or political and geographic boundaries would affect the ability to achieve that goal.

VI. ACCURATELY INCLUDE PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF ALL ILLINOISANS

The process must accurately represent the permanent residence of all Illinoisans. All persons residing away from their permanent residence, such as students, incarcerated individuals, and missionaries, should be counted at their home address regardless of Census counting rules. The Census should be encouraged to expand its exceptions to the usual residence rule to include incarcerated individuals, as well as students, missionaries, and overseas Americans.

Yes or No Please explain:

The census process should accurately represent the permanent residence of Illinoisans. However, the census count for students should be based on where they choose to establish residency for voting purposes. Many students choose to register to vote where they go to school rather than voting absentee from the address where they grew up. There should not be a discrepancy between a person's voting residency and where they are counted for census purposes to the greatest extent practicable.

VII. COMPRISE AND UPHOLD A TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE PROCESS

The process must be transparent and accountable. Meetings of decision-makers, and their legal, political and mapping consultants, must be open and accessible to the public to the greatest extent possible. The criteria used to draw maps must be objective, clear and justifiable and districts must be drawn to offer voter choice. Communications related to the redistricting process should be subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Clear conflict-of-interest rules must be adopted and applied.

Yes or No Please explain:

VIII. PROVIDE FOR OPEN, FULL, AND MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The process must allow for meaningful public participation and have the confidence of the public. Opportunities for public education and engagement must be provided, including opportunities to offer comment and amend draft maps. Redistricting bodies must provide data, tools and ways for the public to have direct input into and impact on the specific plans under consideration.

Yes or No Please explain:

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