

**Illinois Redistricting Collaborative
2018 Gubernatorial Gerrymandering Survey**

**Please return this survey response no later than the close of business on:
Tuesday, 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:

Yes

Illinois is home to some of the most notoriously gerrymandered districts. In the 2016 general election, over 60% of state-level districts had only one candidate on the ballot. We need to end the practice of politicians choosing their voters.

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:

Yes

I would additionally support an amendment to abolish all Illinois House districts, replacing them with true proportional representation and ranked-choice voting based on the Australian model.

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:

Yes, but only if it can be expected to surmount the legal challenges to previous petitions.

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

Yes or No Please explain:

Yes.

Illinoisans need more accountability from their state and local representatives. Ensuring competitive districts is an important aspect of achieving that.

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:

Yes.

I am open to any reforms that restore power to the people of Illinois.

As Governor, I will direct the State Board of Elections to publicize pending district maps to the public, including via media outlets, as soon as possible during the redistricting process, along with a list of the legislators and/or commissioners responsible for drafting those maps.

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:

No.

I believe the current hearing process probably gives adequate time for feedback. However, the public needs to be made better aware of proposed maps and associated hearings. As Governor, I will direct the State Board of Elections to make maps and hearing information available to the public via news media outlets, social media, and any other effective means.

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:

Yes.

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:

Yes.

As long as prisoners do not have the right to vote, they should not be counted towards the population of the district where they are imprisoned. As Governor, I would sign HB 205 if it comes to my desk.

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

Yes or No Please explain:

Yes.

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

Yes or No Please explain:

Yes.

Gerrymandering is by no means limited to state-level districts. Local districts need to adopt fair and independent processes for redistricting. As Governor, I will support and advocate for any measures that ensure fairer local representation.

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:

Yes.

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:

Yes.

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:

Yes.

As long as the incumbent parties and politicians control the mapmaking process, they will be able to choose their own voters. Open-source map software would best address the needs of impartiality and transparency.

It would be best if politicians were removed from the process to the greatest extent possible. Citizen participation is a must to ensure a fair result.

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:

Yes.

These are key factors in making sure voters are fairly represented.

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:

No.

This motive has been used a pretext for gerrymandering in the past. I would prefer that maps be generated by software that ignores social, ethnic and economic factors, but does take geography and political boundaries into account. Then an independent citizens' commission would choose the map they feel works best for their area.

Statewide proportional representation in the Illinois House would give the opportunity for candidates to address communities of interest better than any drawn map.

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:

No.

Students and overseas Americans often vote at their current residence. Even though particular students may graduate and return home or to a new address, demographic patterns relating to voting at a person's current residence can and are reevaluated following each Census.

The problem of prisoners who do not vote weighting the population in their area of incarceration is a special case which must be addressed specifically. The "No Representation Without Population Act" is a reasonable solution.

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:

Yes.

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:

Yes.

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