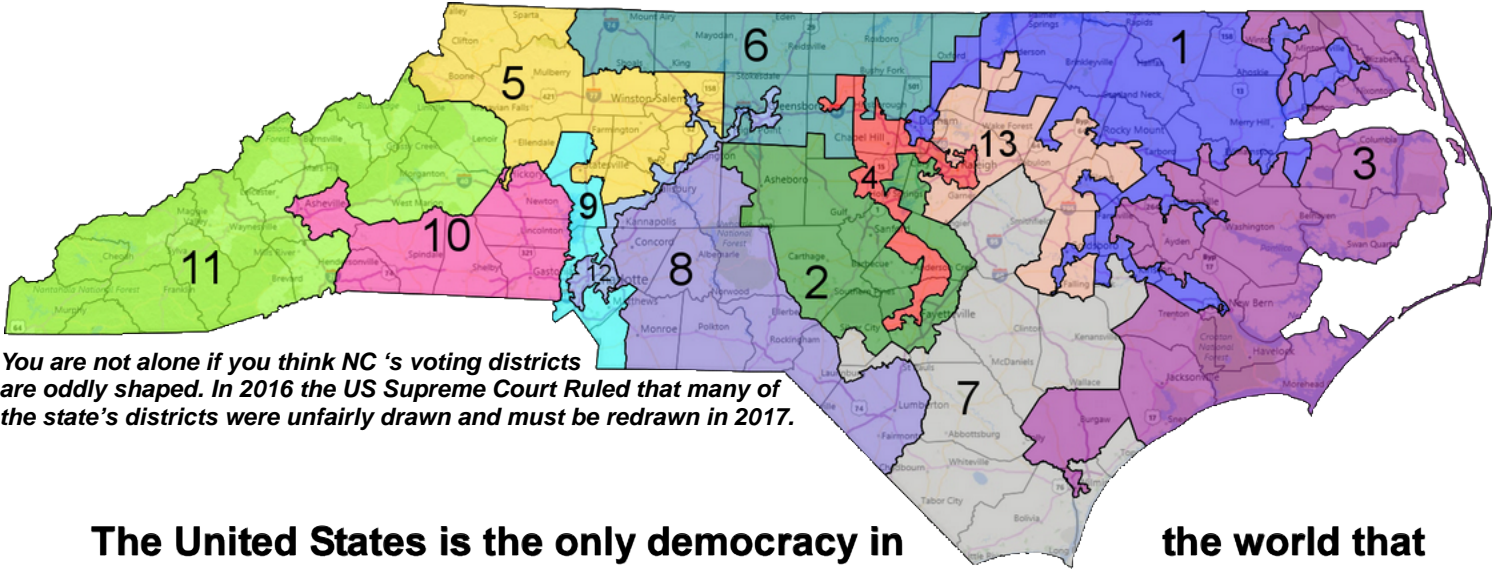


Fair Vote Town Hall

Be Part of Making DEMOCRACY Fair Again!



You are not alone if you think NC 's voting districts are oddly shaped. In 2016 the US Supreme Court Ruled that many of the state's districts were unfairly drawn and must be redrawn in 2017.

The United States is the only democracy in the world that allows its elected officials to draw their own voting districts. This effectively allows politicians to pick their voters instead of voters picking them.

“We need to revisit the whole concept of how to draw districts, not only in North Carolina but throughout the nation.”

Former Gov. Pat McCrory (R) 2/23/16 Asheville Citizens Times

“Supporting redistricting reform was right when we were in the minority, and it’s still right now. We are here to serve the people of North Carolina and we must make sure they can have full confidence in the integrity and fairness of our elections.”

Rep. Chuck Mc Grady (R-Henderson) 2/28/17

Non-Partisan Town Hall Panel Members

Tom Ross - Former UNC President and Superior Court Judge

Chris Cooper - Chair of WCU's Political Science Dept.

Jane Pinsky - NC Coalition for Lobbying & Government Reform

Robert Orr - Former NC Supreme Court Justice

To Be Announced - Former and/or Sitting NC Legislator (R)

Joe Sam Queen (D)- Former NC Representative- District 119

Rep Chuck Mc Grady (R) - Rep. District 117 - Video Address

Brian Irving (L) - Chair of NC Libertarian Party

Join Us for A Night Of Questions, Answers, and Solutions

Wednesday June 14th 7:00 to 9:00PM

Haywood College Auditorium, 185 Freedlander Dr, Clyde, NC 28721

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of drawing the districts for elected office

- ❑ Under the U.S. Constitution, redistricting happens about every ten years, after each decade's Census, to adjust the districts and make them roughly equal in population.
- ❑ In North Carolina, elected representatives draw the lines for their districts .
 - School board members draw the school board lines
 - City Council members draw the city council lines
 - State legislators in the General Assembly draw the state legislative and Congressional district lines.

What is Gerrymandering?

- ❑ Gerrymandering is the manipulation of the boundaries of an electoral district to favor one party, race or class. It is politicians choosing their voters instead of voters choosing their elected officials.
- ❑ Gerrymandering may result in oddly-shaped districts.
- ❑ Gerrymandering allows the party in power to remain in power , disadvantage minority groups, or reduce the power of each vote.

How Does This Affect Me?

- ❑ In North Carolina for the last several decades, district's lines are drawn to include or exclude certain people.
- ❑ These decisions are often made based on party affiliation, race, or other factors.
- ❑ In 2016, over forty percent of candidates for the NC General assembly had no opposition in the general election.
- ❑ It affects who gets heard, whose interests are most represented, and who can win the next election.
- ❑ The maps should be drawn in a way that most fairly represents the voters in each area.

It is time for a change in North Carolina..... There is a better way

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