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Message:

Thank you for providing this electronic avenue of input from all citizens.

I have reviewed many of the redistricting testimonies from fellow citizens. They voice my same concerns:

1) No non-politician in any part of Texas wants partisan gerrymandering. Not Democrats, not Republicans, not Independents. Not urbanites. Not rural folks.

Citizens want to be represented along with their close geographic neighbors who have the same issues on their radars. We want reps and senators who can focus on constituents who live together in the same communities and not be spread out managing multiple offices in many geographic locations. We do NOT want to be dissected from our neighbors (some who live just right across the street) into multiple districts.

We do NOT want urban communities split up and distributed into multiple rural districts that have vastly different needs and priorities; and vice-versa – the people in rural communities don't want to be put together with urban areas who don't have the same needs as they do in their rural communities.

2) We want a non-partisan 3rd party independent redistricting commission.

Redrawing of maps is a complicated, lengthy process. Legislators already have SO much on their plates that encompasses SO many issues/areas of our Tx laws. Just look at the number of bills and committee hearings and meetings – it is an incredible workload. All due respect, but you flat out do not have the time to be experts in this important process and make map-redrawing decisions that last 10 years and affect us immediately and continually.

3) We want adequate time to review proposed maps and provide input on them.

a. Please provide 7 days or more for public to review and analyze maps. At least one citizen asked for 30 days and honestly, this is much more reasonable. Current timeframe is 48 or 24 hours which is not even enough time for most legislators to review.

b. Please allow more virtual and online testimony. We are very grateful your committee has allowed this and ask that you continue to do so throughout the entire redistricting process.

c. Please allow 7 days or more for public review of map amendments. Again, more time makes sense because it affects all of us. Current timeframe is 24 hours, again which is not even enough time for most legislators to review.

4) For the county I live in (Williamson), my request is same as my community

neighbors: we are one of the fastest growing communities in the nation; that said, we know we will be subject to change in redistricting. If our county must be combined with other counties then it makes sense to combine us with neighboring counties such as Travis and Bell counties rather than splinter us into several rural districts as is currently done with Travis county (and their situation should be revised). It is clear, no matter what the political identification of citizens in these districts, that the rural counties do not want to be combined with Travis county and vice versa. Please do not create this same issue with Williamson county.

Thank you for your time and service.

Respectfully,  
Martina Sutton

