



February 20 Agenda:

1. Quick Review of Redistricting
2. Overall Legislative Map Metrics
3. Comparison of Senate and House Maps for the Lehigh Valley & ULDC Area
4. Timeline for Maps & Primary
5. Constitutional Amendments

Congressional Redistricting

- Legal Authority
 - US Constitution requires:
 - census and reapportionment of seats every ten years
 - fixed total of 435 congressional districts
 - states are authorized to conduct redistricting
- How many Districts?
 - Was 18. Now 17 districts in PA due to decreased population
- What method?
 - Regular legislative process
 - Bill is signed or vetoed by Governor
 - No criteria, no transparency, typical partisan antics



Legislative Redistricting (PA House & Senate)

- How many districts? 203 House, 50 Senate
- Legal Authority: PA Constitution, Article II, Section 17
 - State legislative districts are drawn by a 5-member Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC)
 - 4 members are the majority and minority leaders of the PA House and Senate. They pick a fifth person to be Chairperson. If they can't agree, the PA Supreme Court appoints the chair. This years' Chair was Mark Nordenberg.
 - The LRC decides on the maps. There is no vote by the legislature and the Governor cannot veto.
 - After the final maps are determined, and aggrieved person can appeal to the PA Supreme Court. They must show the maps are "contrary to law."
 - This years' process was the most transparent ever, with many hearings and much public input.

Summary of Legislative Maps

- Both House and Senate Maps are far better than previous 2 decades
 - Based on objective measures of the maps
 - Thousands of Pennsylvanians were paying attention
 - Chairman Nordenberg and the LRC were responsive to comments & suggestions
- Major Problem: Incumbent Protection
 - LRC was and is a highly partisan committee
 - Nordenberg had to work within that framework, and seemed intent on a “bi-partisan” vote
 - Senate leaders worked together while House leaders didn’t.

Significantly Better Metrics

Metric	Senate – Old	Senate - New	House – Old	House - New
Compactness Score	41	51	45	59
Split Score	38	57	41	80
FDPA “excess splits” of county/muni/school	26/7/133	18/11/109	53/90/341	17/67/283
Seat Bias*	5.61%	3.2%	5.76%	1.81%
Vote Bias	2.17	1.42	2.82	1.15
Minority Coalition Districts 35%-49%	4	5	13	19

- Seat Bias: The percentage of additional seats one party would be predicted to receive, in a 50/50 election. Less bias—but still favoring R’s. Dems need to **get out the vote** to take advantage of this!

Note: not necessarily up-to-date

Significant Opportunities Despite Incumbent Protection

Paired House Incumbents: 9 4DvR; 4RvR; DvD

2022	2012	2022 Counties		
7	7	Mark Longietti	Dem	Mercer
7	17	Parke Wentling	Rep	Mercer
21	21	Sara Innamorato	Dem	Allegheny
21	30	Lori Mizgorski	Rep	Allegheny
32	32	Anthony M. DeLuca	Dem	Allegheny
32	33	Carrie DelRosso	Rep	Allegheny
52	50	Pam Snyder	Dem	Fayette
52	52	Ryan Warner	Rep	Fayette
55	54	Bob Brooks	Rep	Westmoreland
55	55	Jason Silvis	Rep	Westmoreland
86	82	John D. Hershey	Rep	Juniata, Perry
86	86	Perry A. Stambaugh	Rep	Juniata, Perry
105	104	Sue Helm	Rep	Dauphin
105	105	Andrew Lewis	Rep	Dauphin
187	134	Ryan Mackenzie	Rep	Lehigh
187	187	Gary Day	Rep	Lehigh
200	200	Chris Rabb	Dem	Philadelphia
200	203	Isabella Fitzgerald	Dem	Philadelphia

Paired Senate Incumbents: 1 R v Ind.

20 - Baker(20) and Yudichak(14)
(Wyoming, Pike, Susquehanna, Luzerne, Wayne)

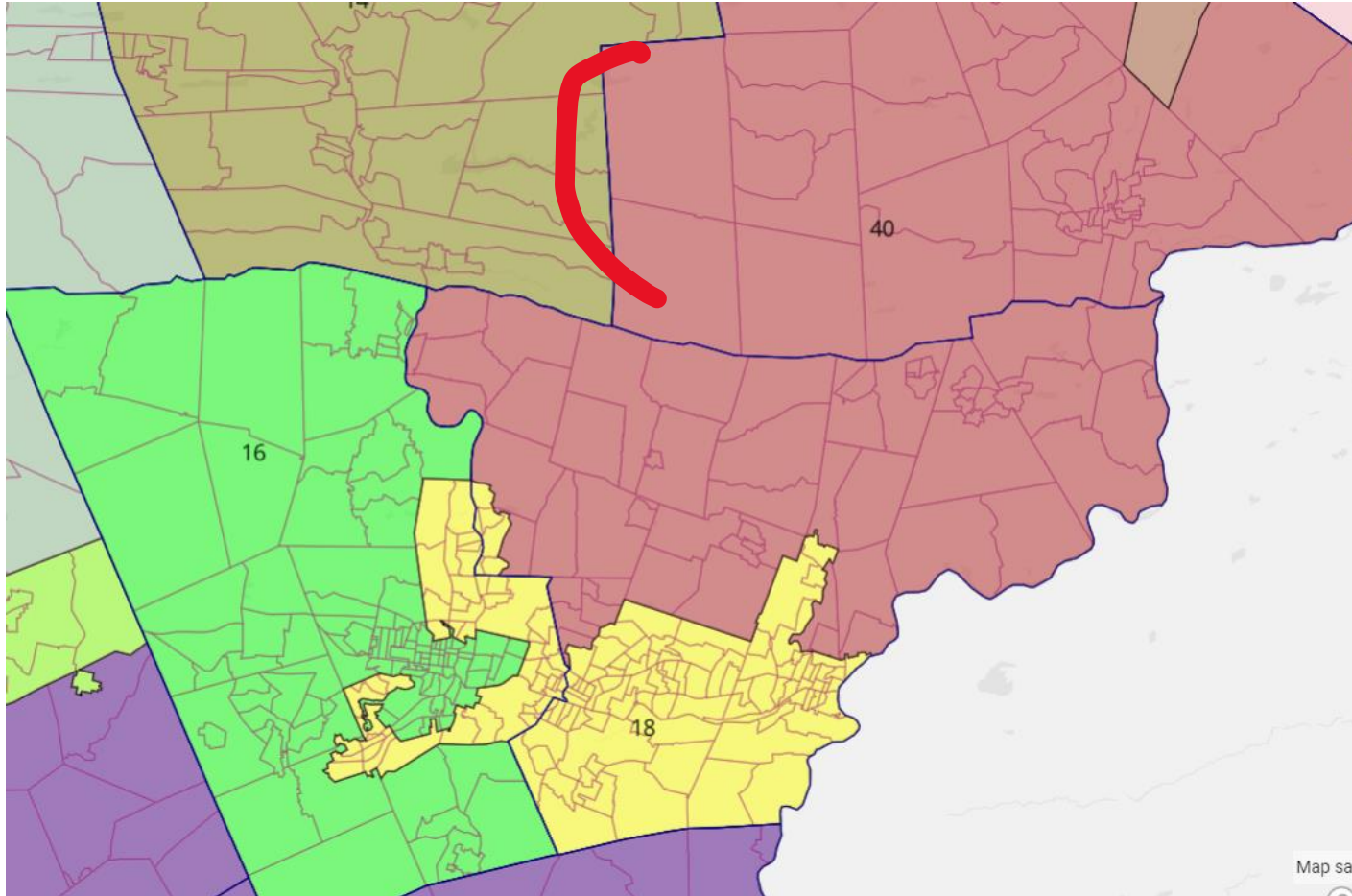
Senate Districts without Incumbents

24 - Berks, Montgomery (Senator Mensch not running)
34 - Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland (previously in Centre)
14 is moved to Lehigh, Northampton

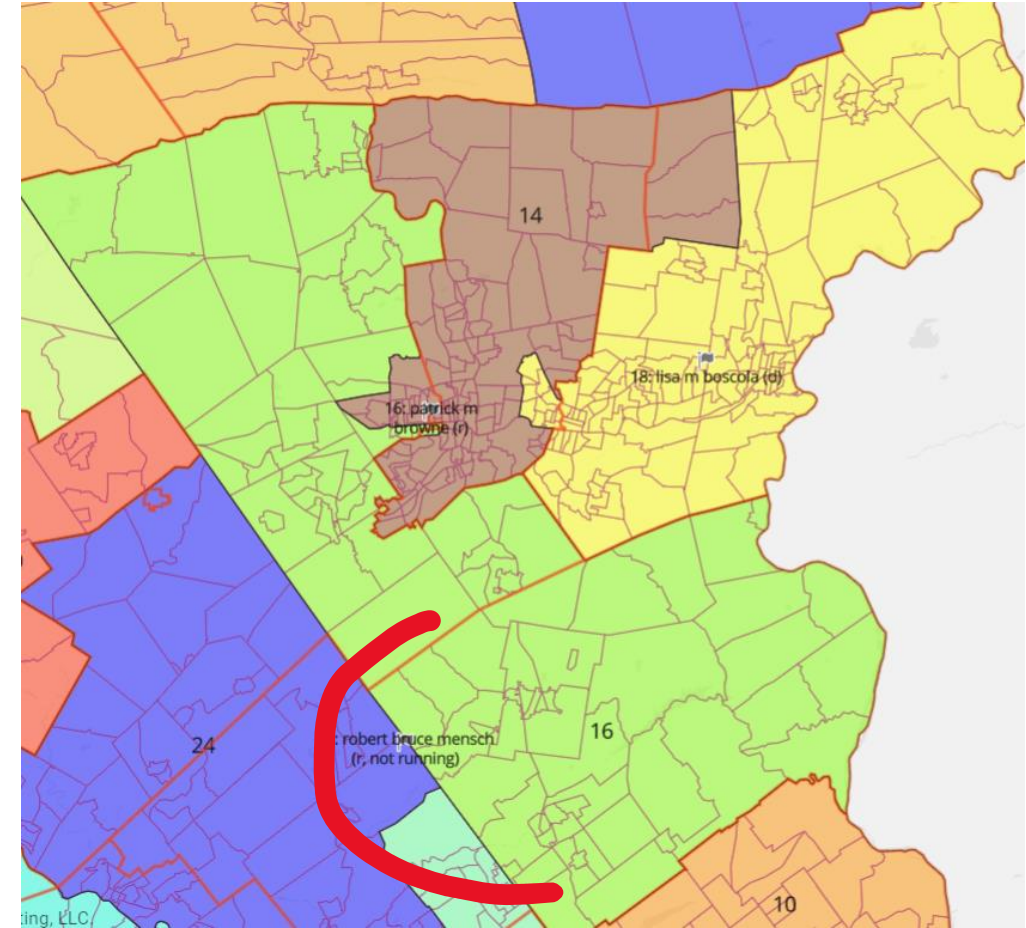
SO FAR: 27 Empty House Seats (12 potential minority opportunities)

Not running in 2022			Currently Vacant House Districts	
Rep. Brian Sims, D	182	Philadelphia	24	Allegheny
Rep. Michael Peifer, R	139	Pike	116	Luzerne, Schuylkill
Rep. David Millard, R	109	Columbia	11 Districts with No Incumbent	
Rep. Dave Hickernell, R	98	Lancaster	10	Philadelphia
Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R	12	Butler	19	Allegheny
Rep. Curt Sonney, R	4	Erie	22	Lehigh
Rep. Gerald Mullery, D	119	Luzerne	30	Allegheny
Rep. Frank Ryan, R	101	Lebanon	33	Allegheny
Rep. Rosemary Brown, R	189	Monroe	49	Lancaster
Rep. Jerry Knowles, R	124	Schuylkill	54	Montgomery
Rep. Wendi Thomas, R	178	Bucks	82	Centre
Rep. Tommy Sankey, R	73	Clearfield	99	Lancaster, Berks
Rep. Mike Carroll, D	118	Luzerne	104	Dauphin
Rep. Mark Longietti, D	17	Mercer	203	Philadelphia

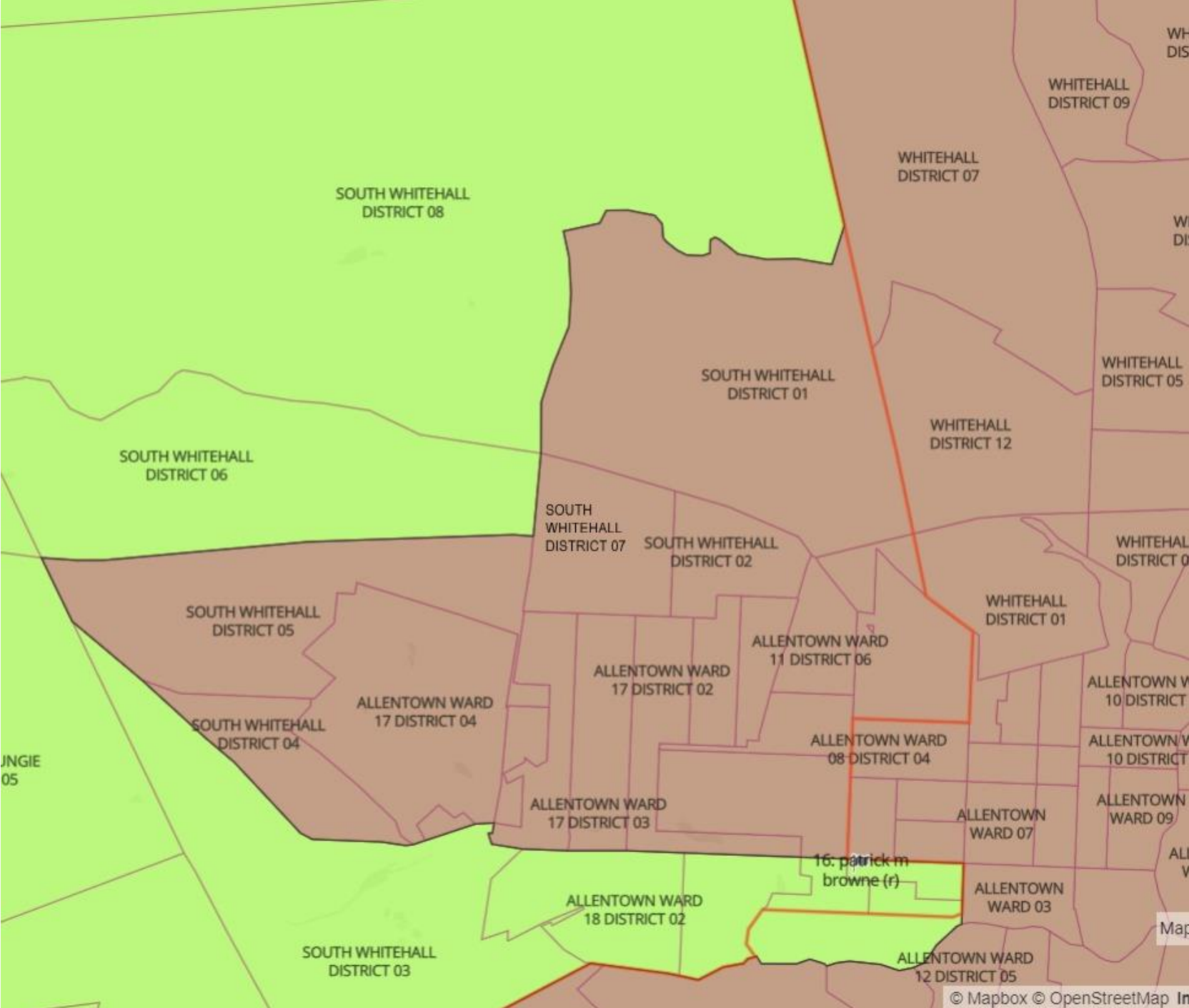
Current vs New Senate Map



Current Map – 40 Centered in Monroe County



Final Map – 16 Extends to Bucks County, where the incumbent isn't running again



Senate Map Split!

South Whitehall Districts
1, 2, 4, 5, 7 are in
District 14

South Whitehall Districts
3, 6 and 8 are in
District 16

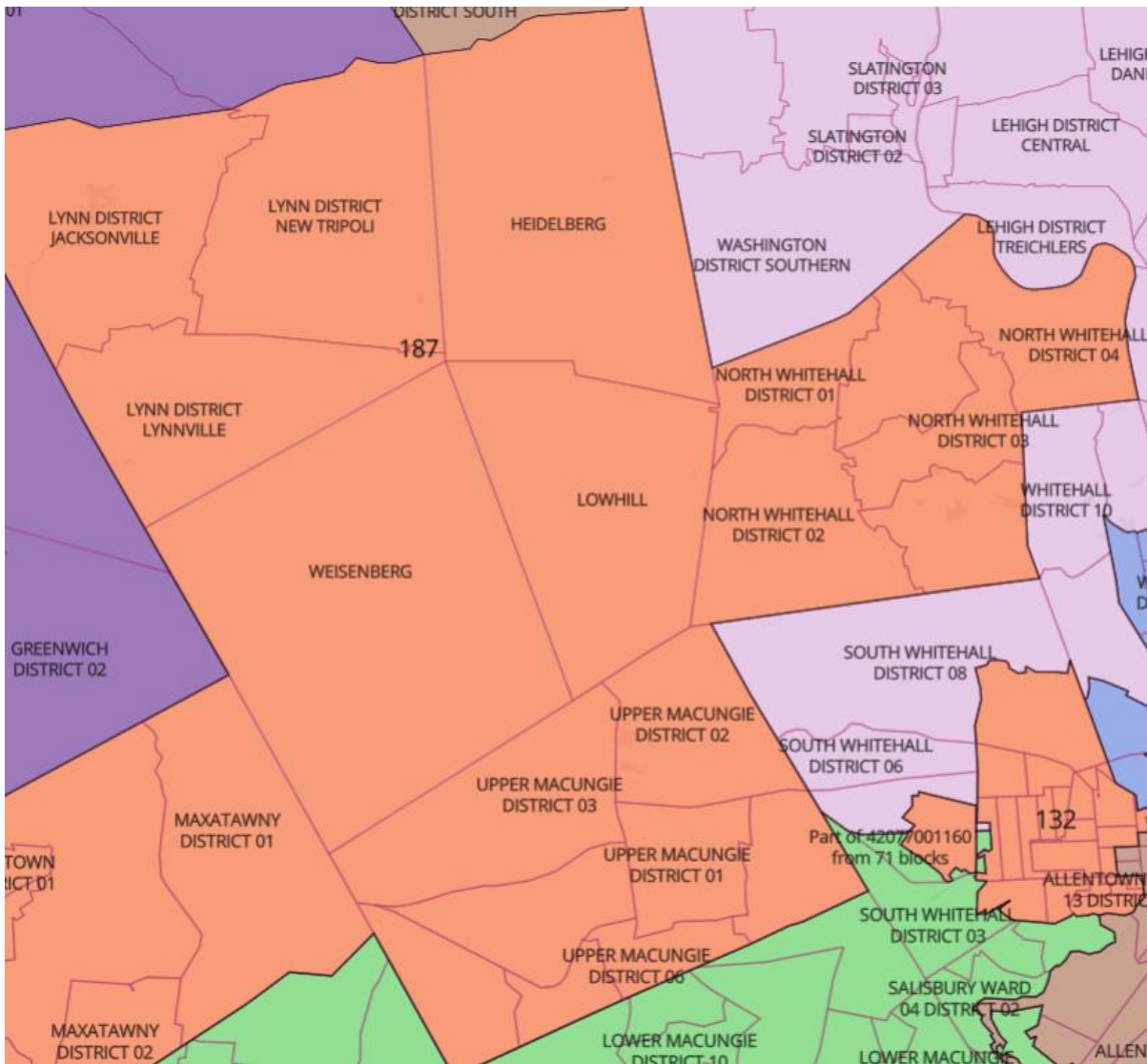
Therefore, Parkland School District
is split, as is Allentown.

Current vs New Senate Map

	Old 16	New 16	New 14	Old 18	New 18
Democrat	52.9%	44.9%	54.0%	55.8%	53.4%
Republican	44.7%	52.6%	43.4%	41.6%	44.1%
Minority% 2010 vs 2020	Was 26.3% now 37.2%	15.4%	37.7%	Was 19.7% now 29.3%	27.2%
Hispanic (2020)	24.6%	6.4%	26.3%	16.2%	14.2%
Black (2020)	9.1%	3.5%	9.6%	8.8%	8.2%

Democrat/Republican based on 2016-2020 election composite voting share

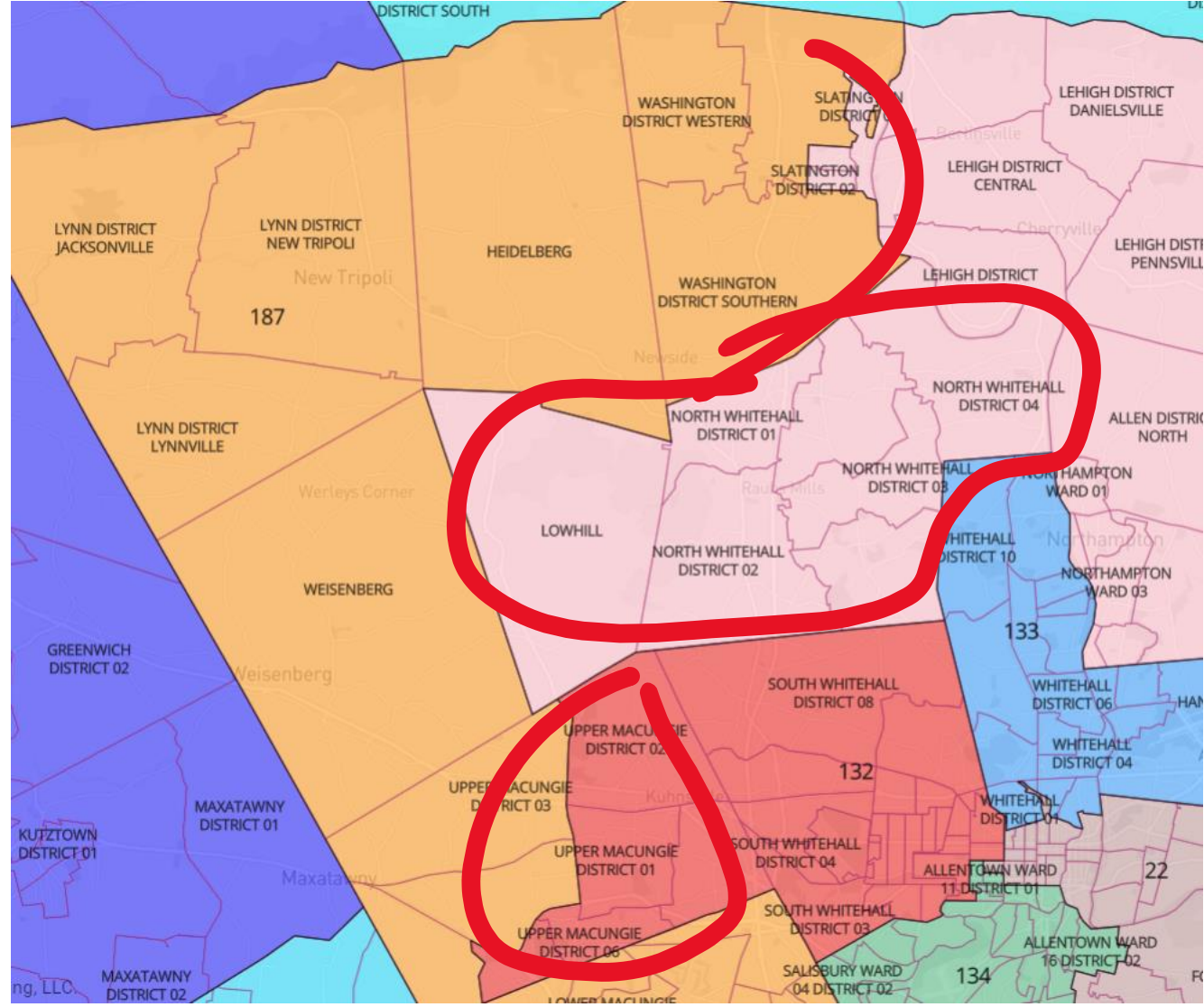
OLD MAP



187 – Gained Washington Districts and Lower Macungie

183 – Gained Lowhill, North Whitehall Districts

NEW MAP

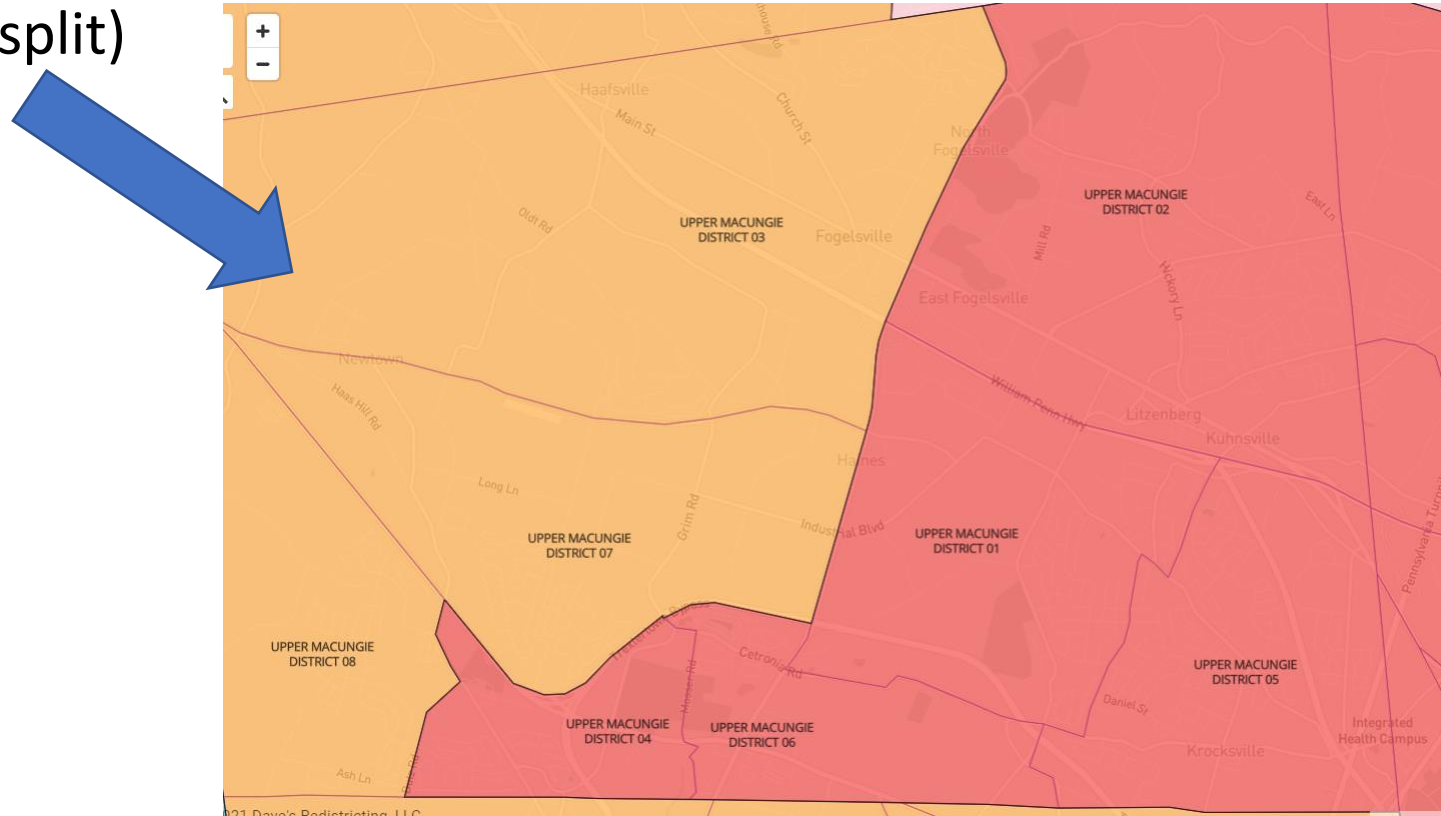


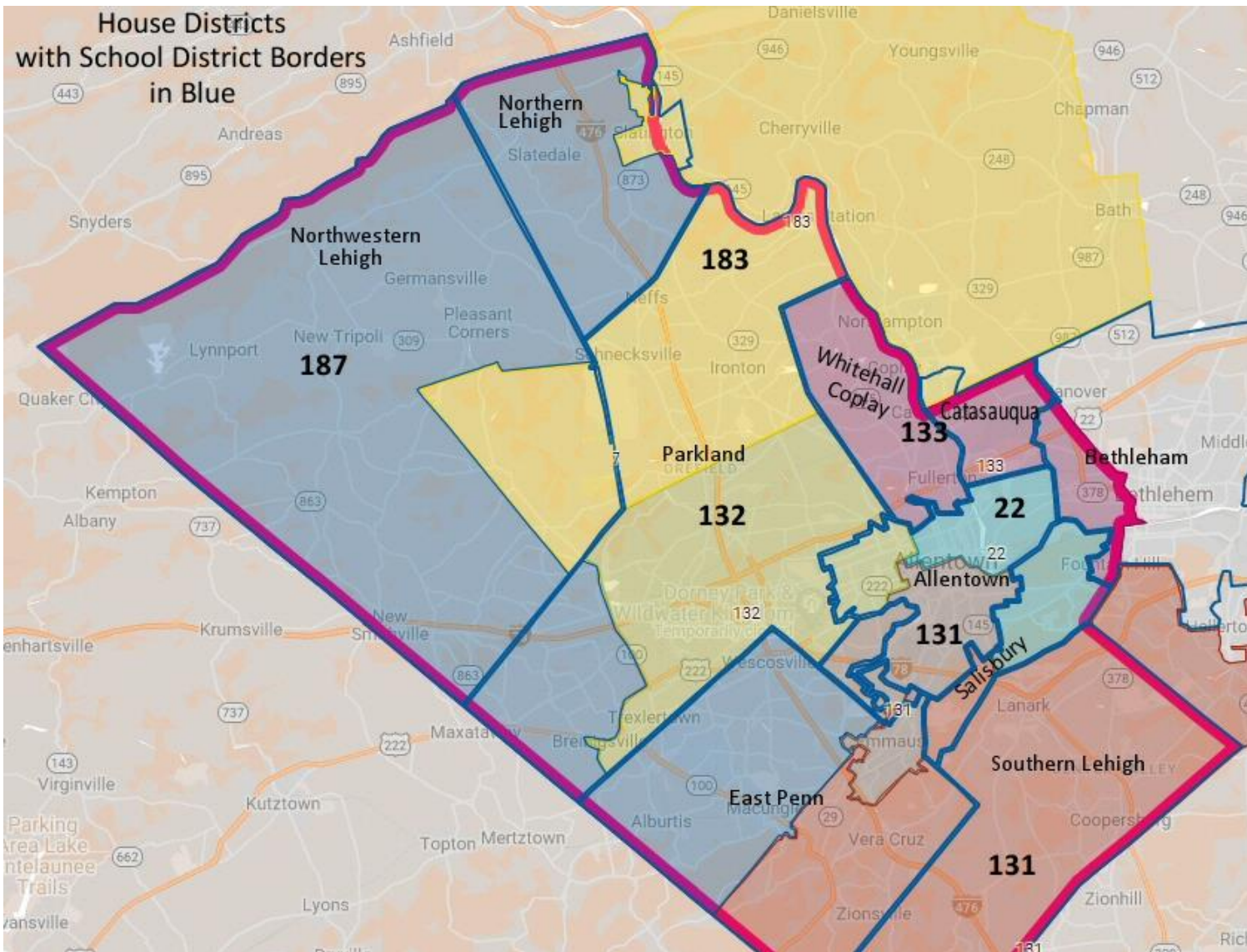
187 – Lost Lowhill, North Whitehall, plus part of Upper Macungie

183 – Lost Washington Districts, South Whitehall 5, 6, 8

If you live in:

- Lowhill Township – your new district is 183
- North Whitehall Township – your new district is 183
- Washington Township – your new district is 187
- South Whitehall Township, districts 5, 6, 8 – your new district is 132
(note: South Whitehall is no longer split)
- Upper Macungie Township, districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 your new district is 132
(note: Upper Macungie is now split)





Newly Split School Districts:

- Northwestern Lehigh (187,183)
- Northern Lehigh (187,183)

Parkland had been split before: (187, 132, 183 and 134), now has one less split

New House Map – Lehigh County

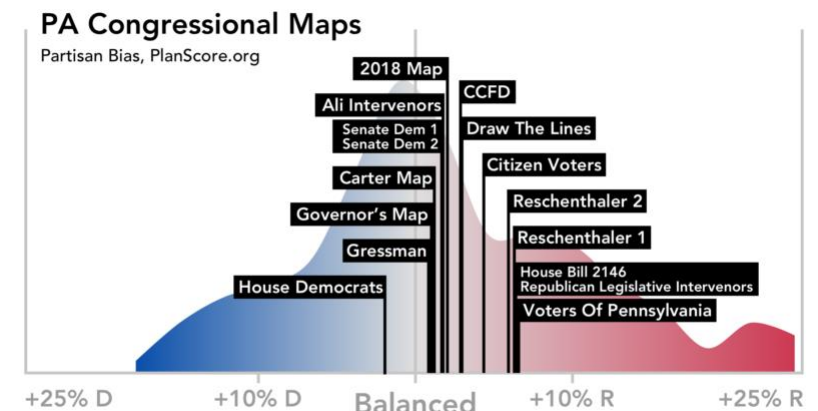
	22 (no incumbent)	132 (Schlossberg)	134 (Schweyer)	187 (Day, plus R. Mackenzie)	183 (Mako)	131 (M. Mackenzie)	133 (McNeill)
Democrat	69.8%	56.0%	61.1%	44.2%	39.6%	44.2%	56.3%
Republican	27.8%	41.6%	36.2%	53.2%	57.8%	53.5%	40.6%
Minority (VAP)	67%	31.2%	51.2%	16.7%	10.5%	11.3%	30.3%
Hispanic	53.3%	15.1%	38.4%	6.2%	5.4%	4.0%	18.0%
Black	16.1%	8.4%	12.4%	3.9%	2.5%	2.7%	8.9%

3 districts centered on Allentown vs 2 districts previously; 134 was half Berks, now moved to Allentown. Most D% remain similar. Mike S has decreased from 65% D and Peter S has decreased from 72%D, but both are solidly D districts (assuming voter turnout!). So, Lehigh Valley gains a D Rep.

Timeline for the Maps and Primary

- Legislative Maps –
 - 30 days for an “aggrieved person” to file exceptions directly to PA Supreme Court
 - Deadline is March 7 for exceptions, March 11 for response from LRC
 - Two exceptions filed so far- Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff and Butler County residents
- Congressional Maps –
 - Commonwealth Court selected GOP map that was vetoed by Governor
 - Supreme Court held oral argument on Friday February 18
 - They can pick any of 13 maps that were submitted or draw their own

Of the 13 maps, Susan Wild’s Democratic % of vote only varies from 50.06% to 51.9% -- a very competitive district whether they choose to include Carbon, parts of Monroe, or parts of Berks. All except one map had Lehigh and Northampton whole and together.



Timeline for the Maps and Primary

- Petition Signing?????
- DOS proposed calendar to maintain May 17 Primary
- 9 day petition signing period for Legislative petitions (starting 3/20)
- 2 week petition signing period for Congressional and statewide petitions (starting 3/1).
- Currently candidates have 3 weeks to circulate petitions.

Links

<https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/updates/lets-celebrate-new-maps>

<https://fairdistrictspa.com/peoples-maps/compare>

<https://pennsylvania.redistrictingandyou.org/>

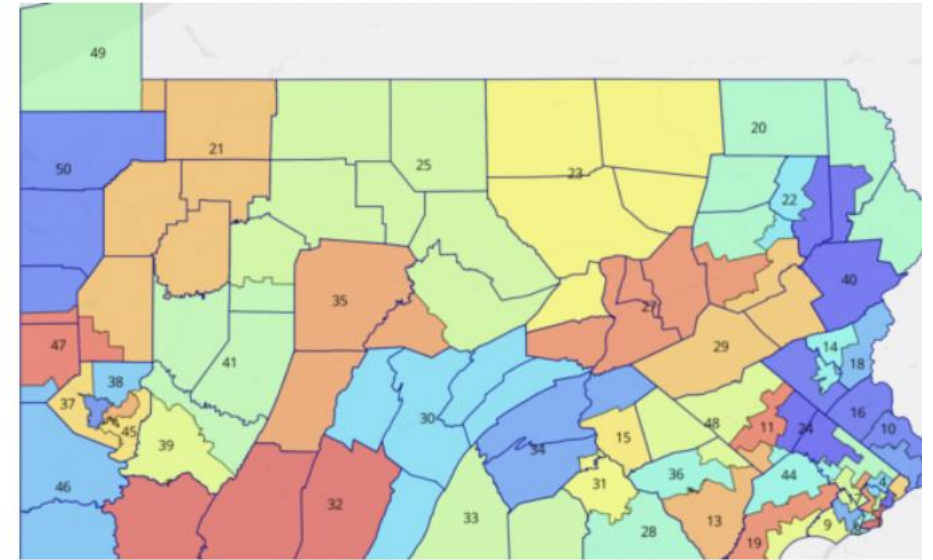
To look up your new districts,
using your address



<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2021/12/pennsylvania-redistricting-house-senate-districts-lookup-tool/>

Let's Celebrate New Maps

[Check out Spotlight PA](#) tool to find your new districts.



[Watch the hearing & find links ▶](#)

[Compare maps on our FDPA map page ▶](#)

[Current & LRC Map Metrics ▶](#)

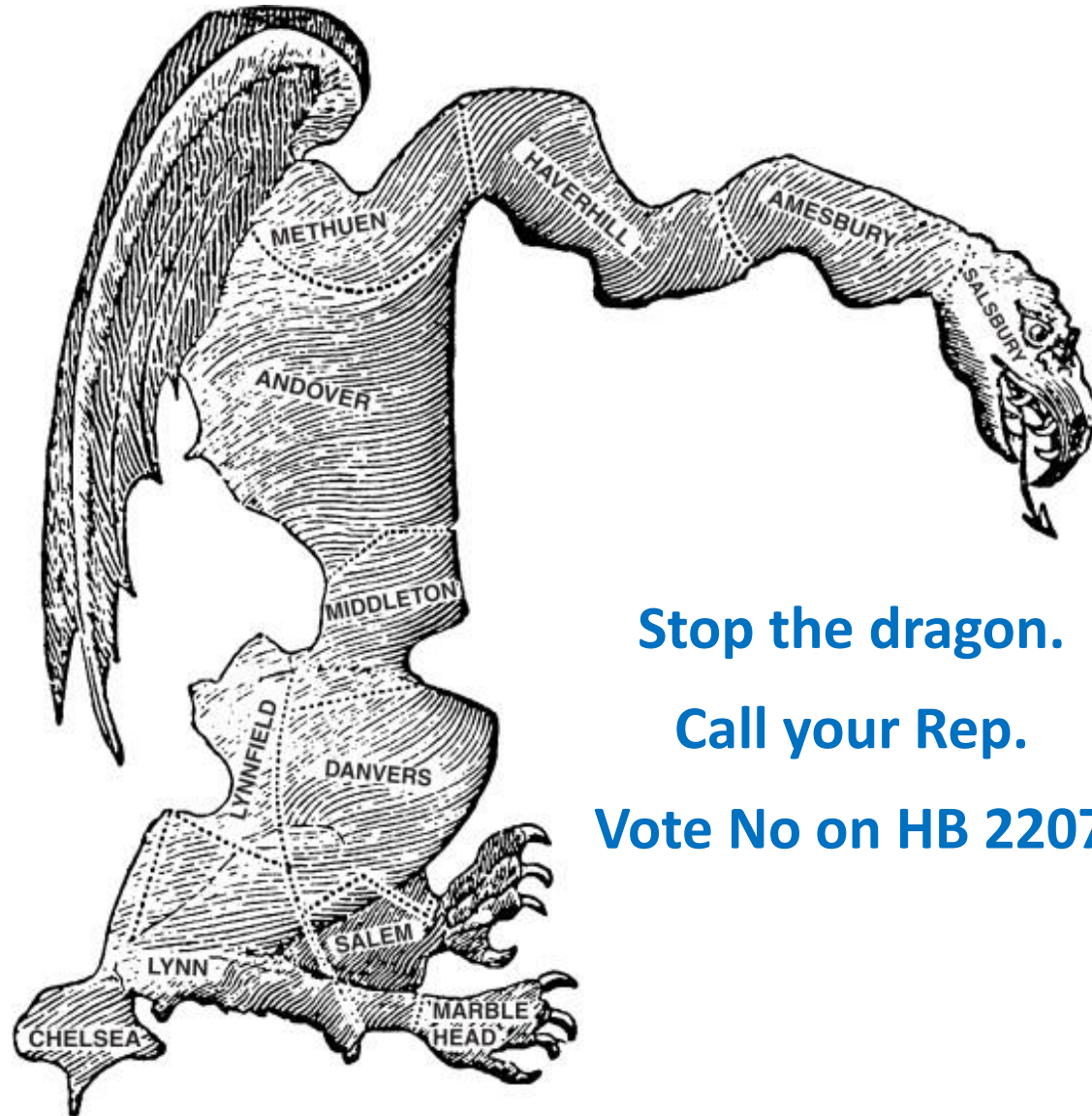
[Quick link to House map ▶](#)

[Quick link to Senate map ▶](#)


Future Redistricting: Less Fair and Even More Political?

- Constitutional Amendment: HB 2207
 - Passed by committee on completely partisan basis Jan. 10
 - On the House calendar for a vote since January, however passed over each time the house has been in session. Could return in March.
- Misleading characterization by Republican leadership
 - "You asked for a citizens commission, this gives it to you"
 - It's not independent – almost all appointments by politicians
- But this is really all you need to know:
 - 2022 maps could be redrawn by this sham process
 - House approves House map, Senate approves Senate map. Governor has no veto.
 - Virtually ensures politicians will pick their voters

**PA House Bill 2207 is NOT a reform.
It's a SHAM.**



**Stop the dragon.
Call your Rep.
Vote No on HB 2207**



SAY NO
to Judicial
Gerrymandering

<https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/updates/abusing-our-state-constitution-to-grab-power-must-stop>

They have until November 30 to pass the Amendment again. Be vigilant!