

Redistricting Treaty
“Agreement to Counter Gerrymandering Election Manipulation”

Article I—Right of Americans to Fair and Equal Representation

Whereas the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that the government cannot “deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Whereas the context of voting rights and elections, this has often been interpreted to mean “one person, one vote.”

Whereas the state of [insert state] cannot stand by as the president of the United States and legislators in other states manipulate elections in the middle of the decade in order to sway the outcome of federal elections and control the U.S. House of Representatives.

Whereas leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives impacts the life, wellbeing, and prosperity of all Americans and the election manipulation being undertaken impacts not only citizens in those states, but every citizen across the country.

Whereas it is incumbent on all states which have the ability to do so, to counter this election manipulation.

Be it resolved that the state of [insert state] upholds that all Americans have a right to fair and equal representation.

Article II—Need for Congressional Intervention

Whereas eleven states have adopted commissions to take away responsibility from their state legislatures for drawing maps for congressional districts, as state legislatures have historically drawn partisan maps that favor one political party and diluted the power of voters.

Whereas states with redistricting commissions have taken critical steps towards ensuring fair representation, states that have not followed suit continue to have overt political influence in the outcome of the U.S. House of Representatives elections and the balance of political power in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Whereas because of this, it is impossible to have fairness in representation until all states are held to the same standards.

Be it resolved that the state of [insert state] upholds that Congressional intervention is necessary for fair and equal representation for all Americans

Article III—Right of All States to Decide Outcome of Balance of Power in the U.S. House of Representatives

In response to the mid-decade redistricting of certain states in an effort to expressly sway control of the U.S. House of Representatives following the 2026 midterm elections, [insert state] asserts that all states that have the power to, should conduct a mid-decade redistricting in 2025, or earliest year legally possible, in order to ensure that the outcome of the balance of power in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 120th Congress and subsequent congresses cannot be unduly swayed by the partisan or racial gerrymandering of one or more states acting in bad faith.

Article IV—Call for Congressional Intervention

The state of [insert state] calls on Congress to act expeditiously and before the redistricting cycle following the 2030 decennial census is undertaken and pass federal redistricting standards with quantitative measures for fairness and representation.

In order to be most effective, the quantitative measures for fairness should ensure that the statewide proportion of districts in each redistricting plan correspond as closely as possible to the statewide partisan preference of voters. This will help prevent voter power from being diluted.

Additionally, Congress must put in place protections to ensure communities of interest, including communities of color, are not divided in ways that dilute their political power.

Only Congressional action for fair redistricting standards will ensure that a redistricting arms race cannot occur again and only quantitative measures will ensure that the people and the courts can truly hold states accountable.

Article V—In the Event of Congressional Intervention Prior to 2030

In the event that Congress enacts federal redistricting standards with quantitative measures for fairness prior to the beginning of the redistricting cycle following the 2030 decennial census, the state of [insert state] shall abide by those fair standards in accordance with federal and state law.

(Where applicable) If such event, the state of [insert state] shall use its redistricting commission for the redistricting cycle following the 2030 decennial census and subsequent redistricting cycles in accordance with federal and state law.

Article VI—Manner of Redistricting Following the 2030 Decennial Census in Absence of Congressional Action

In the absence of Congressional action prior to the 2030 decennial census, it is likely that states which worked to gerrymander at the behest of the president will continue to draw similarly partisan and racially gerrymandered maps that dilute the political power of the American people.

In order to ensure that all states are able to fight fair and have their say in the balance of power in the U.S. House of Representatives, the state of [insert state] commits to bypassing its redistricting commissions for the drawing of congressional maps until Congress passes federal redistricting standards.

Only this will ensure that the thirty-nine states without redistricting commissions do not have an outsized influence on the balance of power in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Article VII—Enactment

This agreement shall be enacted once it is approved by the appropriate legal process of the state.

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.