

Exhibit M

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION
TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND ADOPTION OF
REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR MICHIGAN'S CONGRESSIONAL
AND STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTION DISTRICTS

This proposal would:

- Transfer authority to draw Congressional and Legislative districts to an independent Citizens Commission.
- Require that the Commission be politically balanced, without current and former lobbyists, partisan elected officials or partisan candidates for elected office.
- Require all Commission meetings and records to be open and public.
- Require compact election districts of equal population that satisfy the Voting Rights Act and prevent unfair advantage to any political party, elected official or candidate.
- Require approval of election districts by a majority vote, supported by two commissioners affiliated with each of the major political parties and two unaffiliated members.

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This proposal would:

- Create a politically balanced Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw Congressional and Legislative election districts in public meetings, replacing existing laws authorizing the Legislature to draw those election districts.
- Require random selection of Commission members from separate pools of applicants affiliated with the two major political parties and a third pool of applicants not affiliated with either of those parties.
- Exclude specified persons subject to potential for partisan political influence from membership on the Commission.
- Establish requirements for drawing election districts, including compliance with federal law and avoidance of any disproportionate advantage to any political party, elected official or candidate.

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This proposal would:

- Create a politically balanced Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw Congressional and Legislative election districts, in public meetings and subject to limited review by the Supreme Court, replacing laws authorizing the Legislature to draw those districts.
- Require that the Commission's members be selected by a procedure designed to ensure that the Commission cannot be dominated by members of one political party.
- Exclude specified persons potentially subject to partisan political influence from membership on the Commission.
- Establish requirements for drawing election districts, including compliance with federal law and avoidance of any disproportionate advantage to any political party, elected official or candidate.

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This proposal would:

- Create an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw Congressional and Legislative districts.
- Require all commission meetings be held in public.
- Prohibit current and former partisan elected officials, lobbyists, party officers, and their employees from serving on the commission.
- Districts could not be drawn to favor any candidate or party, but would be required to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, be compact, contiguous and of equal population and reflect county, city, and township boundaries.
- Repeal current laws authorizing the Legislature to draw Congressional and State Legislative district boundaries.