

Dear Legislators--

I have a simple proposal: adopt **baseball arbitration** (also known as pendulum arbitration or final-offer arbitration) for redistricting.

In baseball arbitration, the decider is not allowed to split the difference or hammer out a compromise between two competing proposals. Instead, **she must choose one of them--** whichever seems more reasonable.

This set-up encourages both parties to **submit a reasonable proposal**--out of fear that the other party's proposal might be chosen instead.

I'm sorry I don't have time for a more persuasive presentation—I learned of your deadline an hour ago. However, if you are interested in pursuing this idea further, I'd be delighted to make a formal presentation.

For what it's worth, baseball arbitration was invented by an Oregonian, Prof. Carl Stevens, who taught economics at Reed College for many years.

Best regards

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