

At this point with the census data not available until September, well past the deadlines, supporters of this re-districting are faced with the clean and legitimate observation that while it is legal, it is an authority that has no legitimacy. It's designed for one reason: To maintain control regardless of the interests of the people. Let's get this on record: There is no way for any of you to deal with this for two reasons: You do not have the census data and your regard for your partisan interests outweigh your commitment to the people of this state. There is no legitimate explanation for attempting to do this. It is a hack partisan game played over and over throughout the country by both parties. It's time to grow up and get honest about this. These legislators are elected to serve the interest of the people of Oregon. Regardless of party, their interests are partisan and this has been the fatal flaw in this matter since way before any of our current legislators were born. This has been and will continue to be about the legislature choosing voters to promote political agendas foreign to the voters and it doesn't matter what party is in power.

There is nothing legitimate about that. Consider answering a couple of questions:

Why is it that re-districting has to be done by the legislators? Honestly, the Oregon Legislature has a miserable record of legislating because of the dereliction of the majorities over the last several years. You haven't done well with routine matters, and there's little reason to consider that you can do this with any degree of legitimacy or skill.

Can anyone explain what benefit it is to the state to continue this? It is a fraud perpetrated on the people. Before you vote to proceed with this re-districting you need to explain why it is not a fraud on the people.

Why is it that an independent commission should not be set to deal with re-districting?

Can anyone explain why the current system that is openly derided and criticized by both major parties as well as the independents should remain in place? We get the same political rhetoric and counter-productive in-fighting that has been on us for decades. This does not serve the interests of the people. It only serves the interests of various political organizations and agendas from out of state. It's a corrupt process and the majorities know that as well as any of us do. The majorities cannot justify this So we now come to the point where the majorities, fully knowledgeable of the corruption in this practice, are all in on exploiting their offices to write a dishonest, unrealistic and hack partisan description of Oregon to benefit outside agendas instead of doing the hard work of dealing with the affairs of the state of Oregon.

No matter how the legislature attempts to re-write those district boundaries, they can not accomplish it in a legitimate manner and pursuing this effort suggests that they either cannot comprehend the issue or they just don't care.

Oregon needs to adopt the independent commission approach in use in a growing number of states. The legislatures only legitimate effort in this is to start the process of selecting an independent commission. Until the census data is available and understood any effort to re-draw the districts in Oregon is open malfeasance.

If you continue to exploit a flawed system so that you can make decisions you are not qualified to make because of your vested interests, it is obvious that your goals and objectives have nothing whatever to do with the interests of the people of Oregon. We should re-elect you why?

If you want to do the right thing, take this opportunity to get out of the political sham of re-drawing of districts. Put Oregon first and turn re-drawing the district over to an independent commission. Unwillingness to do this suggests, and legitimately so, that you have no regard for the people of this state. You actually take the position that your political agenda outweighs the interests of the people of Oregon so you have to exploit whatever means possible to “rule” the people instead of serving them.

Do the right thing here: Go with the independent commission. Put Oregon first. Do not support this effort.

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