**Independent Redistricting Commission**

Tell your legislator, ***“It is time to Let the Voters Decide!”***

Let me ask you a question. *“Do you think legislators should be able to choose their voters?”*Well in New Mexico that is exactly what the law allows. The New Mexico Constitution gives the authority for redistricting to the state legislature. That means state senators and state representatives get to draw their own districts – meaning, they get to select their voters. We believe this is an inherent conflict of interest and quite frankly, undemocratic.

**New Mexicans Agree with Us**

Multiple polls over the last 6 years have shown overwhelming public support for an independent redistricting commission**.** The most recent was a 2022 poll showing that *77% of likely voters wanted an independent redistricting commission separate from the legislature. Only 12% opposed (1)*

**We Need Your Help to Change This**

Tell your legislator that *you want them to vote for the 2023 House Joint Resolution that would put the question of creation of an independent redistricting commission on the 2024 ballot.*

***Let the voters decide!***

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1. Conducted in March 2022 by BSP Research who conducted a survey of 500 highly likely voters in New Mexico regarding the most recent redistricting process in New Mexico. They conducted the survey online and allowed respondents to review background information.

 

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