

# ger·ry·man·der

to divide or arrange a territorial unit into election districts  
in a way that gives incumbents and the majority party an unfair advantage

South Carolina has among the least competitive  
legislative elections in the nation.

An average of 70% of voters  
have only one candidate on their ballot  
for House or Senate.

## **Unrig the system!**

### **South Carolina deserves Fair Maps**

All political power is vested in and derived from the people only,  
therefore, they have the right at all times to modify their form of  
government.

Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Article 1, Section 1



## Talking Points

- South Carolina's state legislative districts have been gerrymandered to have among the least competitive elections in the nation, allowing one political party an unfair advantage on Election Day.

- 69% of state legislative districts have been gerrymandered by state lawmakers to offer only one major-party candidate in the general election. 117 out of 170 legislative districts offer voters no choice. Just 10% of legislative seats (17) were won by the competitive margin of 10% recommended by Fair Maps SC. The current average victory margin for legislators without competition is 89%. The current average victory for all 170 legislative seats is 85.8%.

- No state law establishes criteria for creating congressional and state legislative districts. The legislature has adopted redistricting guidelines that expressly protect their seats for re-election.

- An independent citizen's redistricting commission of qualified voters should be placed in charge of drawing election maps to end the detrimental unfair impact of gerrymandering.

- The commission should be independent of direct control or influence by any elected government official, political party, or politician.

- Politicians, lobbyists, and people with significant conflicts of interest should not be eligible to serve on the commission.

- The commission should be provided with the latest technology to accurately and fairly reapportion competitive districts to reduce "safe seats".

- The commission should be required to follow strict criteria when drawing maps to ensure no political party, politician, or candidate is given a disproportionate advantage.

- The commission should be required to conduct its business publicly, with strong rules in place to ensure the process is fair, impartial, and transparent.

- The commission should hold public hearings across the state to gather feedback from citizens to hear from communities before a final vote to approve district maps. The public could even submit maps for consideration.

- The legislature and governor should be prevented from interfering with the redistricting process, altering, or vetoing its final maps.

- The maps of legislative districts should create competitive races where the winner has to represent people who don't all think alike.

# University of South Carolina survey on mapping district lines in South Carolina

This is a synopsis of 800 interviews conducted in 2017 for the SC Progressive Network by the USC Institute for Public Service and Policy Research on the process of drawing legislative district lines in South Carolina. The full 16-page summary is posted at [FairMapsSC.com](http://FairMapsSC.com).

## Questions posed

- 1. Are district lines drawn fairly?**
- 2. Are voters satisfied with the choices they have in elections?**
- 3. Would they prefer lines be drawn by the General Assembly or by an independent commission of non-legislators?**

As a caveat, half of the respondents were given additional information about legislative districts in South Carolina. The information provided was as follows: In South Carolina 78% of the state legislative districts are dominated by one political party. This means that for the 78% of the legislative districts in the state, the candidate who wins the dominant party's primary will win the general election (the 78% figure was drawn from a metric that used incorporating money, competition and incumbency).

### Question 1: Are lines drawn fairly?

A plurality of respondents (45.7%) feel the lines are fair, while 26.4 percent that the lines are not fair. Another 27.9% say they don't know whether the lines are drawn fairly. Those given additional information about the districts were more likely than those who were not to say the drawing of districts is NOT done fairly.

### Question 2: Are voters satisfied with choices?

Respondents were evenly split, with 46.3% satisfied with the choices compared to 45.9 % who would like more choice. About 8%t didn't know whether they were satisfied. The additional information provided to some of the respondents had no effect on this question.

### Question 3: How would you prefer lines be drawn?

The majority (64.5%) prefer that legislative districts be drawn by an independent commission rather than the General Assembly. Republicans supported preventing legislators from drawing their own districts by 64.5%, 65.8% of Democrats, 66.9% of Independents and 75.6% of Others agreed.

When given the additional information mentioned above, respondents were more likely to believe that the drawing of legislative districts in SC is NOT done fairly.

## Notes

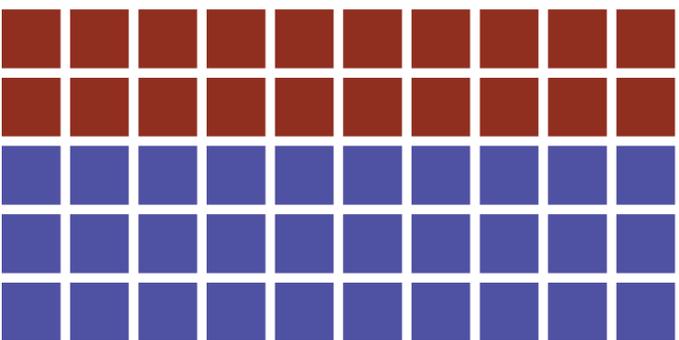
- Blacks were significantly less likely than whites to want the drawing of legislative districts be done by an independent commission.
- Respondents in the oldest age cohort (65+) were significantly less likely than younger respondents to want lines drawn by independent commission.
- Respondents with college degrees favored independent commission.
- Respondents with household income of \$25000 are less likely to prefer independent commission or provided a "don't know" response.

# Gerrymandering, explained

Three different ways to divide 50 people into five districts

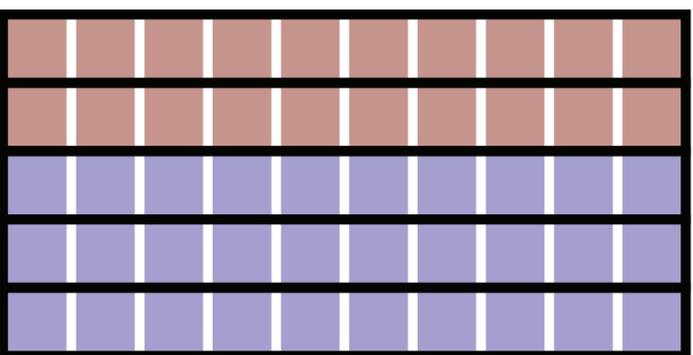
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**60% blue,  
40% red**

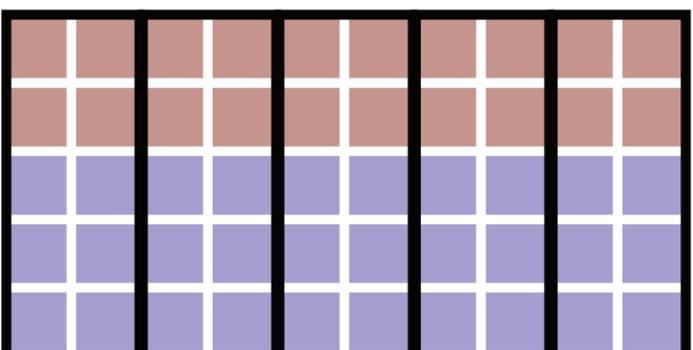
1. Perfect  
representation



**3 blue districts,  
2 red districts**

**BLUE WINS**

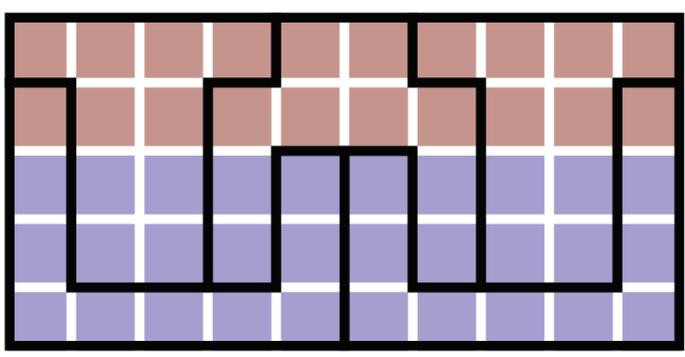
2. Compact,  
but unfair



**5 blue districts,  
0 red districts**

**BLUE WINS**

3. Neither compact  
nor fair



**2 blue districts,  
3 red districts**

**RED WINS**

**Fair Maps SC: 2016/'18 Election Analysis--SC General Assembly--Alphabetical Listing**

**70 SC Legislators with no primary or general competition ↓**

Chamber	District	Party	First Name	Last Name	Competition for the seat in General	Winning % in Senate races in '16 General	Winning % in House races in '18 General	Money raised by winner, 2016	Money raised by winner, 2018
S	1	R	Thomas	Alexander	NO	99.06%		\$135,612	
S	45	D	Margie	Bright Matthews	NO	98.70%		\$14,764	
S	44	R	Paul	Campbell Jr	NO	98.13%		\$205,424	
S	43	R	Chip	Campsen	NO	98.16%		\$52,469	
S	18	R	Ronnie	Cromer	NO	99.09%		\$48,784	
S	46	R	Tom	Davis	NO	98.86%		\$210,808	
S	16	R	Greg	Gregory	NO	98.84%		\$26,522	
S	28	R	Greg	Hembree	NO	99.32%		\$126,659	
S	40	D	Brad	Hutto	NO	99.03%		\$65,278	
S	29	D	Gerald	Malloy	NO	98.09%		\$111,651	
S	13	R	Shane	Martin	NO	98.93%		\$242,339	
S	39	D	John	Matthews	NO	98.91%		\$72,199	
S	35	D	J. Thomas	McElveen	NO	98.66%		\$85,745	
S	32	D	Ronnie	Sabb	NO	98.69%		\$31,345	
S	27	D	Vincent	Sheheen	NO	98.36%		\$42,249	
S	8	R	Ross	Turner	NO	98.59%		\$178,090	
S	9	R	Daniel	Verdin III	NO	98.85%		\$34,613	
S	24	R	Tom	Young	NO	99.00%		\$64,538	
H	59	D	Terry	Alexander	NO		98.31%		\$11,055
H	36	R	Rita	Allison	NO		97.59%		\$43,449
H	68	R	Heather	Ammons Crawford	NO		79.30%		\$71,243
H	57	D	Lucas	Atkinson	NO		98.98%		\$40,939
H	80	D	Dr. Jimmy	Bales	NO		97.95%		\$11,299
H	90	D	Justin	Bamberg	NO		96.57%		\$8,116
H	24	R	Bruce	Bannister	NO		97.03%		\$18,715
H	78	D	Beth	Bernstein	NO		97.85%		\$33,103
H	70	D	Wendy	Brawley	NO		98.21%		\$3,700
H	3	R	Gary	Clary	NO		97.17%		\$36,248
H	107	R	Alan	Clemmons	NO		97.48%		\$98,340
H	82	D	William	Clyburn	NO		96.69%		\$15,050
H	92	R	Joe	Daning	NO		97.03%		\$47,799
H	23	D	Chandra	Dillard	NO		97.72%		\$40,420
H	124	R	Shannon	Erickson	NO		97.43%		\$3,500
H	39	R	Cal	Forrest	NO		98.91%		\$17,999
H	34	R	Mike	Forrester	NO		97.29%		\$18,464
H	111	D	Wendell	Gilliard	NO		98.42%		\$17,163
H	105	R	Kevin	Hardee	NO		98.00%		\$8,999
H	118	R	Bill	Herbkersman	NO		97.98%		\$11,250
H	108	R	Lee	Hewitt	NO		98.49%		\$38,349
H	83	R	Bill	Hixon	NO		80.43%		\$22,299
H	91	D	Lonnie	Hosey	NO		98.78%		\$10,929
H	58	R	Jeffrey	Johnson	NO		98.67%		\$20,111
H	49	D	John	King	NO		81.29%		\$27,767
H	61	D	Roger	Kirby	NO		98.54%		\$18,399
H	65	R	Jay	Lucas	NO		98.83%		\$124,049
H	109	D	David	Mack III	NO		87.46%		\$22,228
H	40	R	Rick	Martin	NO		98.16%		\$16,374
H	56	R	Tim	McGinnis	NO		97.57%		\$16,360
H	54	D	Patricia	Moore Henegan	NO		97.79%		\$23,009
H	30	R	Steve	Moss	NO		98.87%		\$10,299
H	29	R	Dennis	Moss	NO		98.61%		\$17,109
H	31	D	Rosalyn	Myers	NO		98.85%		\$13,275
H	12	D	Anne	Parks	NO		96.69%		\$10,369
H	113	D	Marvin	Pendarvis	NO		98.48%		\$10,722
H	14	R	Mike	Pitts	NO		97.87%		\$15,599
H	44	D	Mandy	Powers Norrell	NO		93.30%		\$6,324
H	121	D	Michael	Rivers, Sr	NO		97.91%		\$1,550
H	72	D	Seth	Rose	NO		98.66%		\$90,333
H	74	D	J. Todd	Rutherford	NO		89.92%		\$56,674
H	67	R	Murrell	Smith	NO		82.17%		\$153,509
H	86	R	Bill	Taylor	NO		97.75%		\$16,937
H	9	R	Anne	Thayer	NO		97.88%		\$11,967
H	88	R	Mac	Toole	NO		98.24%		\$6,250
H	79	D	Ivory	Torrey Thigpen	NO		87.83%		\$6,050
H	28	R	Ashley	Trantham	NO		97.29%		\$35,057
H	51	D	David	Weeks	NO		99.01%		\$9,399
H	50	D	Will	Wheeler	NO		98.51%		\$11,799
H	1	R	Bill	Whitmire	NO		98.63%		\$11,366
H	16	R	Mark	Willis	NO		97.10%		\$11,529
H	53	R	Richie	Yow	NO		98.37%		\$6,300

**47 Legislators with primary competition; no general comp. ↓**

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S	38	R	Sean	Bennett	NO	98.44%		\$132,329	
S	3	R	Richard	Cash	NO	98.17%		\$148,498	
S	15	R	Wes	Climer	NO	98.05%		\$90,547	
S	5	R	Thomas	Corbin	NO	98.98%		\$159,736	
S	4	R	Michael	Gambrell	NO	99.15%		\$136,428	
S	34	R	Stephen	Goldfinch	NO	98.87%		\$247,043	
S	37	R	Larry	Grooms	NO	98.34%		\$214,154	
S	21	D	Darrell	Jackson	NO	98.81%		\$108,096	
S	42	D	Marlon	Kimpson	NO	98.95%		\$146,122	
S	31	R	Hugh	Leatherman	NO	98.26%		\$622,265	
S	25	R	Shane	Massey	NO	98.99%		\$207,298	
S	14	R	Harvey	Peeler	NO	99.09%		\$108,902	
S	33	R	Luke	Rankin	NO	98.80%		\$326,119	
S	2	R	Rex	Rice	NO	98.64%		\$78,058	
S	19	D	John	Scott, Jr.	NO	99.31%		\$115,254	
S	41	R	Sandy	Senn	NO	97.84%		\$233,593	
S	23	R	Katrina	Shealy	NO	98.62%		\$212,243	
S	12	R	Scott	Talley	NO	98.36%		\$201,903	
S	6	R	William	Timmons	NO	84.46%		\$301,452	
S	30	D	Kent	Williams	NO	99.25%		\$172,816	
H	103	D	Carl	Anderson	NO		98.26%		\$27,049
H	104	R	William	Bailey	NO		98.37%		\$44,244
H	71	R	Nathan	Ballentine	NO		97.36%		\$72,648
H	89	R	Micah	Caskey	NO		97.34%		\$51,118
H	5	R	Neal	Collins	NO		97.17%		\$52,389
H	21	R	Bobby	Cox	NO		97.93%		\$70,430
H	77	D	Kambrell	Garvin	NO		84.96%		\$48,245
H	42	R	Doug	Gilliam	NO		98.21%		\$21,027
H	55	D	Jackie	Hayes	NO		97.04%		\$62,852
H	8	R	Jonathon	Hill	NO		98.15%		\$13,430
H	4	R	Davey	Hiott	NO		98.74%		\$28,902
H	76	D	Leon	Howard	NO		99.19%		\$43,108
H	32	R	Max	Hyde	NO		98.12%		\$82,949

H	37	R	Steven	Long		NO		97.44%	\$44,181
H	38	R	Josiah	Magnuson		NO		98.04%	\$48,324
H	41	D	Annie	McDaniel		NO		78.15%	\$13,558
H	101	D	Cezar	McKnight		NO		96.41%	\$14,654
H	20	R	Adam	Morgan		NO		97.62%	\$18,346
H	98	R	Chris	Murphy		NO		96.12%	\$44,169
H	64	D	Robert	Ridgeway III		NO		98.73%	\$13,513
H	25	D	Leola	Robinson-Simpson		NO		81.57%	\$12,876
H	27	R	Garry	Smith		NO		96.73%	\$56,014
H	18	R	Tommy	Stringer		NO		97.96%	\$7,944
H	33	R	Eddie	Tallon		NO		98.48%	\$111,510
H	7	R	Jay	West		NO		98.56%	\$52,502
H	6	R	Brian	White		NO		82.53%	\$239,568
H	122	D	Shedron	Williams		NO		80.70%	\$1,510
<b>36 Legislators with general competition; no primary comp ↓</b>									
Chamber	District	Party	First Name	Last Name	Competition for the seat in General	Winning % in Senate races in '16 General	Winning % in House races in '18 General	Money raised by winner, 2016	Money raised by winner, 2018
S	36	D	Kevin	Johnson	Yes	62.16%		\$127,765	
S	22	D	Mia	McLeod	Yes	54.94%		\$269,582	
S	10	D	Floyd	Nicholson	Yes	51.29%		\$75,583	
S	11	D	Glenn	Reese	Yes	54.69%		\$139,257	
S	26	D	Nikki	Setzler	Yes	58.43%		\$244,232	
H	114	R	Lin	Bennett	Yes		52.52%		\$30,852
H	81	R	Bart	Blackwell	Yes		62.97%		\$21,087
H	116	D	Robert	Brown	Yes		56.11%		\$12,214
H	48	R	Bruce	Bryant	Yes		60.81%		\$17,299
H	35	R	Bill	Chumley	Yes		65.22%		\$14,649
H	66	D	Gilda	Cobb-Hunter	Yes		71.53%		\$43,546
H	10	R	West	Cox	Yes		76.64%		\$23,639
H	26	R	Raye	Felder	Yes		57.16%		\$37,981
H	75	R	Kirkman	Finlay, III	Yes		57.50%		\$91,465
H	106	R	Russell	Fry	Yes		68.40%		\$117,069
H	73	D	Christopher	Hart	Yes		77.93%		\$17,399
H	85	R	Chip	Huggins	Yes		66.00%		\$63,177
H	102	D	Joe	Jefferson	Yes		60.92%		\$26,394
H	63	R	Jay	Jordan	Yes		64.61%		\$62,806
H	19	R	Dwight	Loftis	Yes		61.16%		\$22,358
H	60	R	Phillip	Lowe	Yes		61.10%		\$22,149
H	99	R	Nancy	Mace	Yes		60.98%		\$196,886
H	115	R	Peter	McCoy	Yes		51.45%		\$105,365
H	13	R	John	McCravy	Yes		71.56%		\$32,271
H	15	D	J.A.	Moore	Yes: Seat changed parties		52.45%		\$46,357
H	120	R	Weston	Newton	Yes		64.13%		\$87,384
H	45	R	Brandon	Newton	Yes		62.51%		\$40,576
H	93	D	Russell	Ott	Yes		65.98%		\$54,694
H	47	R	Thomas	Pope	Yes		71.63%		\$48,329
H	2	R	Bill	Sandifer	Yes		63.93%		\$126,169
H	117	D	Krystie	Simmons	Yes: Seat changed parties		53.45%		\$580
H	46	R	Gary	Simrill	Yes		60.59%		\$73,844
H	52	D	Laurie	Slade Funderburk	Yes		57.38%		\$75,931
H	119	D	Leon	Stavrinakis	Yes		64.98%		\$41,279
H	69	R	Chris	Wooten	Yes		64.70%		\$104,735
H	84	R	Ronnie	Young	Yes		64.76%		\$25,218
<b>17 Legislators with general competition and primary comp ↓</b>									
Chamber	District	Party	First Name	Last Name	Competition for the seat in General	Winning % in Senate races in '16 General	Winning % in House races in '18 General	Money raised by winner, 2016	Money raised by winner, 2018
S	7	D	Karl	Allen	Yes	61.86%		\$71,832	
S	17	D	Mike	Fanning	Yes	53.26%		\$87,983	
S	20	D	Dick	Harpootlian	Yes: Seat changed parties		52.29%		\$545,103
H	123	R	Jeff	Bradley	Yes		61.98%		\$47,067
H	17	R	Mike	Burns	Yes		76.03%		\$17,531
H	94	R	Con	Chellis	Yes		62.93%		\$53,890
H	110	R	William	Cogswell Jr	Yes		55.09%		\$135,260
H	100	R	Sylleste	Davis	Yes		62.52%		\$63,748
H	22	R	Jason	Elliott	Yes		63.37%		\$115,288
H	11	R	Craig	Gagnon	Yes		65.50%		\$41,907
H	95	D	Jerry	Govan	Yes		72.48%		\$31,574
H	97	R	Mandy	Kimmons	Yes: Seat changed parties		53.86%		\$30,662
H	43	R	Randy	Ligon	Yes		65.76%		\$54,550
H	87	R	Paula	Rawl Calhoon	Yes		73.68%		\$67,282
H	112	R	Mike	Sottile	Yes		57.31%		\$46,398
H	96	R	Kit	Spires	Yes		71.74%		\$34,657
H	62	D	Robert	Williams	Yes		63.12%		\$22,203
		Number of Legislators	% of Legislators	Competitive Race	General Election Results	Total Money Raised	Money Raised per Legislator		
		117	69%	NO	NO MAJOR-PARTY COMP.; 78%-99% of Votes	\$8,418,147	\$71,950		
		36	21%	NO	MAJOR-PARTY COMP.; won > 60% of vote	\$2,032,251	\$56,451		
		17	10%	YES	MAJOR-PARTY COMP.; won < 60% of vote	\$1,974,805	\$116,165		
		170	100%			\$12,425,203	\$73,089		
		Registered at time of 2016 Primary	Percent Voting	Voting Democratic Primary	Democratic Percent of Total Registered	Voting Republican Primary	Republican Percent of Total Registered		
		3,022,826	13.9%	158,159	5.3%	260,611	8.6%		
		Registered at time of 2018 Primary	Percent Voting	Voting Democratic Primary	Democratic Percent of Total Registered	Total Voting Republican Primary	Republican Percent of Total Registered		
		3,044,375	20.4%	245,031	8.05%	367,983	12.1%		