

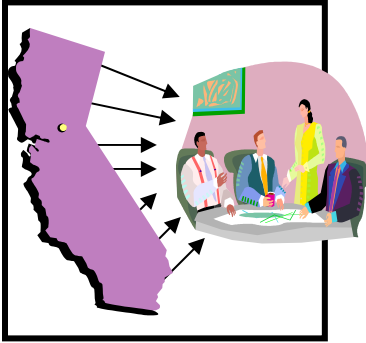
SCA 3, Citizens Redistricting Commission

With proposed amendments, August 2006

SCA 3 (LOWENTHAL, ASHBURN) WILL:

- END CLOSED DOOR, SECRET DEALS TO GERRYMANDER OUR STATE'S DISTRICTS
- ENSURE THAT REDISTRICTING FOLLOWS CLEAR CRITERIA THAT PRIORITIZE THE RESPECT FOR THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, COMMUNITIES AND CITIES

SCA 3 CREATES A REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THAT IS DIVERSE AND POLITICALLY BALANCED



Step 1: Any Californian may apply for Commission. Screened by panel.

Any California voter may apply. A screening panel of 10 retired state judges (5 Democrats, 5 Republicans) screens the pool of applicants.

Step 2: Applicants screened. Diverse pool created.

The nominating panel screens the applicants for qualifications and conflicts of interest (no electeds, lobbyists, employees, consultants, or relatives of these). The nominating panel creates a pool of 55 (20 Democrats, 20 Republicans and 15 from neither major party).

Step 3: State lawmakers pick 8 of 11 commissioners.

The 4 legislative leaders (Senate President pro Tem, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker, and Assembly Minority Leader) can each **strike up to 2** names from the pool. They then each **pick 2** from their own party pool based on qualifications and diversity.

Step 4: 11 person Citizens Redistricting Commission is created.

The last 3 Commissioners are picked at random from the pool of independents (people not registered with either major party). One of the independents will serve as the Commission Chair.

EVERY EFFORT
SHALL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE

COMMISSION IS
"REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS
STATE'S GENDER, RACIAL,
CULTURAL, ETHNIC AND
GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY."

SCA 3 CREATES A HEARING AND VOTING PROCESS THAT IS OPEN AND FAIR



1. The Commission must hold **public hearings** around the state. The Bagley Keene Act on public meetings applies. 14 day notice for each hearing must be provided.
2. **No secret meetings.** Off the record meetings are prohibited.
3. **Vote.** To adopt a map, **6 of 11** Commissioners must vote to approve it (including a Democrat, Republican, and independent).
4. Redistricting is done **once a decade**, after the release of new Census data.

SCA 3 REQUIRES MAPPING MUST FOLLOW REDISTRICTING CRITERIA



The Commission must draw the districts following these criteria in this order:

1. **Equal Population**
2. **Voting Rights Act**
3. **Geographic Contiguity**
4. **Communities of Interest**
5. **City and County Boundaries**
6. **Compactness**

SCA 3 is supported by AARP, California Common Cause, California Nurses Association, League of Women Voters of CA, People for the American Way, State Building & Construction Trades, cities and chambers of commerce from around the state. For more information, please visit www.commoncause.org/ca