

# Memorandum

**To:** Members of the House of Representatives  
**From:** Representative Lawrence H. Curry  
**Date:** January 7, 2011  
**Re:** Co-Sponsorship – **Reapportionment Reform Legislation**

I am introducing legislation to give the Legislative Reapportionment Commission the responsibility for redrawing the commonwealth's congressional districts via statutory law.

Under this legislation, the process for congressional reapportionment would parallel that of legislative reapportionment except for shorter periods of time that would suffice for redrawing far fewer districts.

My legislation would also prohibit the division of any precinct in the commonwealth for either congressional or legislative reapportionment if the precinct consists of a single polygon. In Pennsylvania, contrary to popular belief, there are several municipalities and precincts that are in multiple pieces.

This legislation would also make it more difficult for the commission to split a municipality or county in either reapportionment process. District compactness also is further emphasized in this legislation.

In addition, this legislation would contain an outreach provision empowering citizens of the commonwealth to submit their own plans for legislative and congressional reapportionment to the commission for its consideration.

This legislation is identical to House Bill 619 that I introduced last session.

***Previous Co-sponsors:***

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