GEORGIA VOTERS WANT FAIR DISTRICTS

An essential part of free and fair elections, voters want:
➢ An end to gerrymandering
➢ Fair and transparent redistricting
➢ Boundaries that don't keep changing between ten-year censuses

Having competitive voting districts is important to me[1]

76% of Republicans
78% of Democrats
81% of Independents

THE PROBLEM

When the state legislature draws congressional and state legislative districts after each 10-year national census, they **always** create maps that favor the party in power. They pack voters from the opposing party into the smallest number of districts possible and split the remainder among districts with majorities in their own party.

➢ In 2000 **Democrats** did it.
➢ In 2010 and 2020 **Republicans** did it.

Sometimes lawmakers draw districts that disadvantage minority voters. They also frequently redraw districts between censuses to maintain political advantage.

THE RESULT

➢ Partisan redistricting reduces competition and biases results across the state.
➢ Racial gerrymandering diminishes the voices of minority voters.
➢ Your vote doesn't have as much impact when a certain outcome is all but assured.
➢ Candidates – and elected leaders – don't have to compete for voters in the middle.
➢ Often courts find the maps unconstitutional and make the state redraw them – or they do it for us.

THE SOLUTION

FairDistricts**GA** is a **nonpartisan** organization working for an independent redistricting commission with standards for fair maps and transparent redistricting processes. Resulting fair and competitive districts

➢ Better represent the will of the people
➢ Keep communities together
➢ Drive legislators to work with the other side if they want to be re-elected
➢ Reduce the chance of elections being decided in the primary
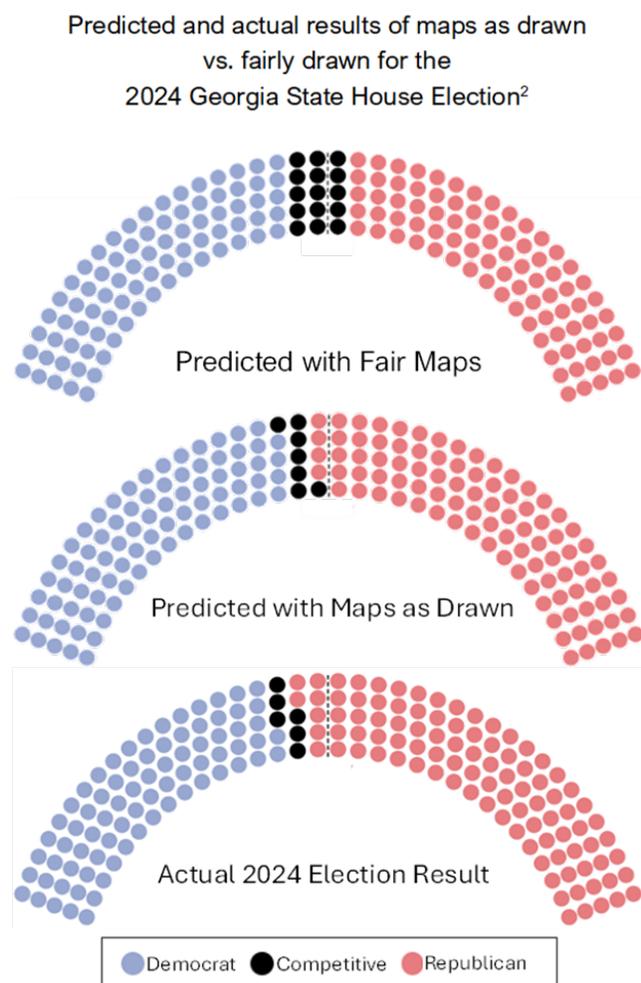

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EXAMPLE: 2024 GEORGIA STATE HOUSE ELECTION

Because of where Georgians live, fair maps would still produce many safe districts for each party. Since Georgia's voting population currently leans slightly to the right, there would be more of them for Republicans than Democrats. But fair maps would yield about **15** competitive districts. Republicans would still be more likely than Democrats to win a House majority – but either party would have a good chance to win a majority in the State House.

Instead, the maps as drawn created only **7** likely competitive seats and an almost certain Republican majority in the House.

Results bore that out. Republicans won a House majority with all the predicted-safe seats and some of the predicted-competitive ones. Only **6 out of 180** races turned out close enough to call competitive.

Predicted and actual results of maps as drawn vs. fairly drawn for the 2024 Georgia State House Election[2]

Predicted with Fair Maps

Predicted with Maps as Drawn

Actual 2024 Election Result

Democrat   Competitive   Republican

JOIN US

Reach out to help make fair districts a reality for Georgia:

➢ **Education**: Create videos; present to groups, schools and universities
➢ **Communications**: Inform people through newsletters and social media
➢ **Outreach**: Engage Georgians through town halls and community meetings
➢ **Research**: Analyze election maps and data to show the problem and possibilities
➢ **Advocacy**: Speak with elected leaders and candidates about fair redistricting policies.

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