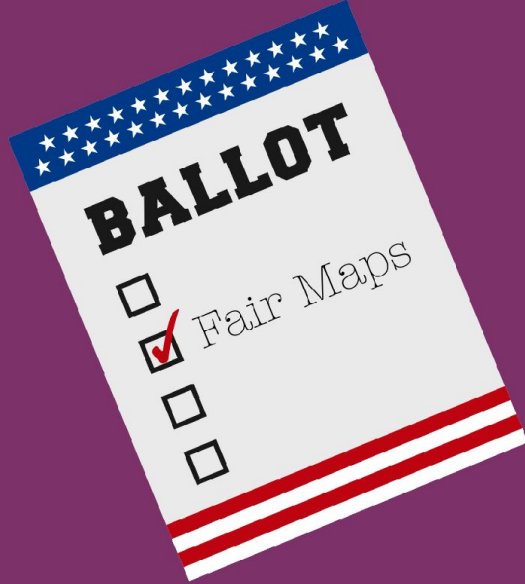


FDGA TOWN HALL



Fair Maps are on the Ballot

Announcing FDGA's Pledge Campaign

Tuesday, September 1

7 p.m.

Register today:

bit.ly/FDGASept2026



Fair Districts GA Town Hall September 1, 2026

Tonight's Agenda

- Pledge campaign
- Letters to the editor
- Court case update

Reminder: We are a non-partisan organization

Don'ts

- Support or join campaigns for candidates or political parties
- Advocate for or against anyone's election
- Endorse candidates

Dos

- Educate candidates from all parties about redistricting
- Ask all candidates to pledge to reform
- Thank candidates for pledging
- Inform voters who has pledged



Targets: State Legislative Candidates

- Georgia General Assembly has primary responsibility for redistricting
 - Power to draw maps
 - Power to enact reforms
- Assembly members value constituents' opinions
- They need our votes!
- Objective: to get as many as possible current legislators and candidates to sign on to our pledge during the current election cycle



What is the Pledge?

- A commitment by legislators to support four basic principles of fair districts ...
 1. *A fully transparent redistricting process with robust citizen engagement*

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FAIR DISTRICTS GA

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Signature:
Candidate for:

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2. *Fair district maps, validated by independent experts, reflecting the diversity and communities of interest of Georgia which do not unnaturally favor any political party*

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3. *Competitive districts that give voters meaningful candidate choices*
4. *An end to mid-cycle redistricting and prison gerrymandering.*

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What isn't the Pledge?

- The pledge is *not* a commitment to specific legislation
 - FDGa does have ideas about specific implementation.
 - Specific bills have been submitted and are likely to be submitted again.

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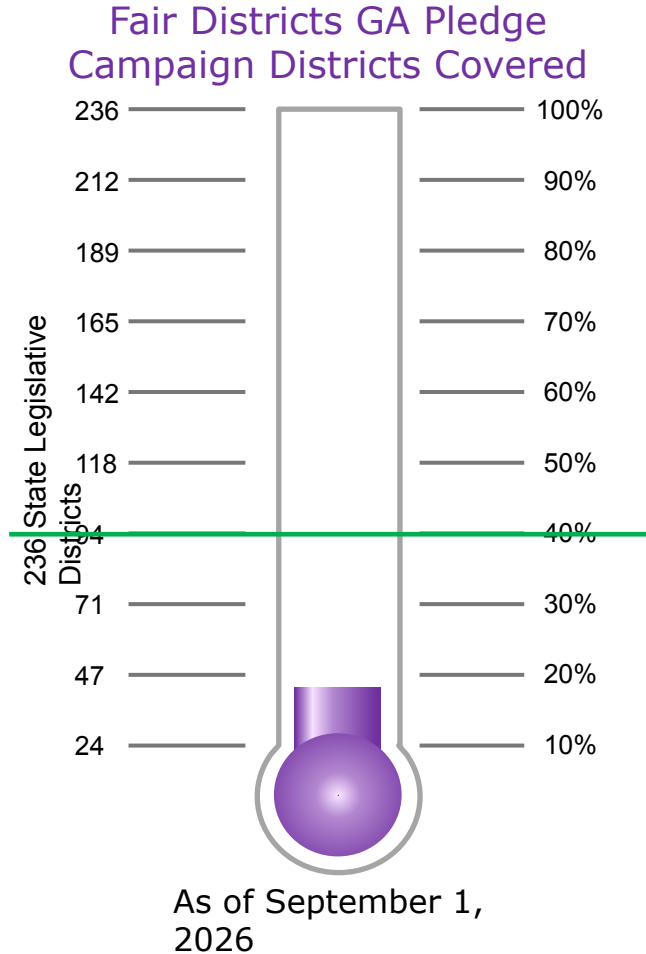
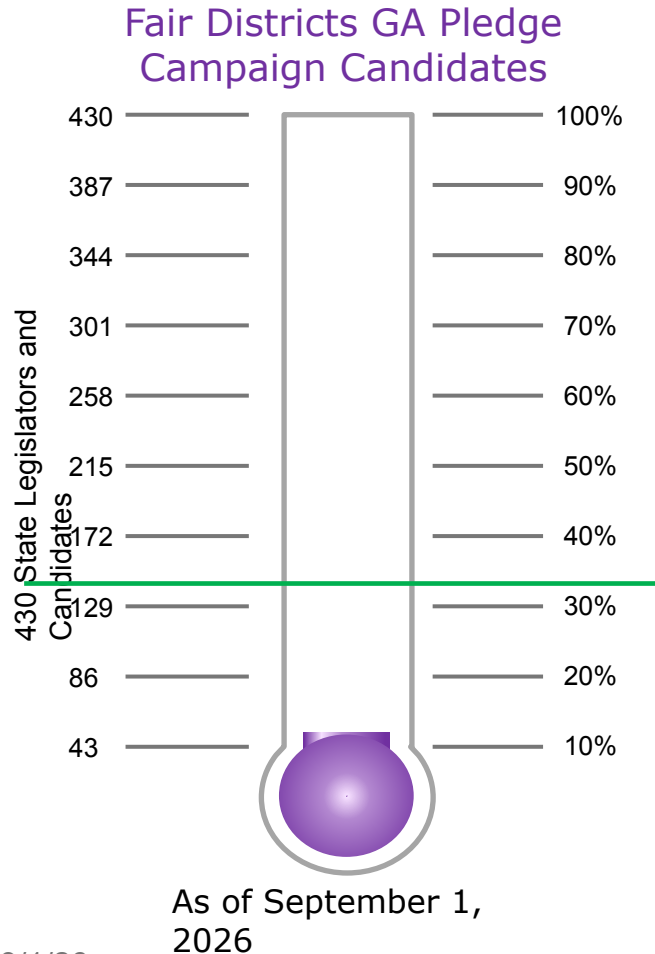
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Pledge Campaign Targets

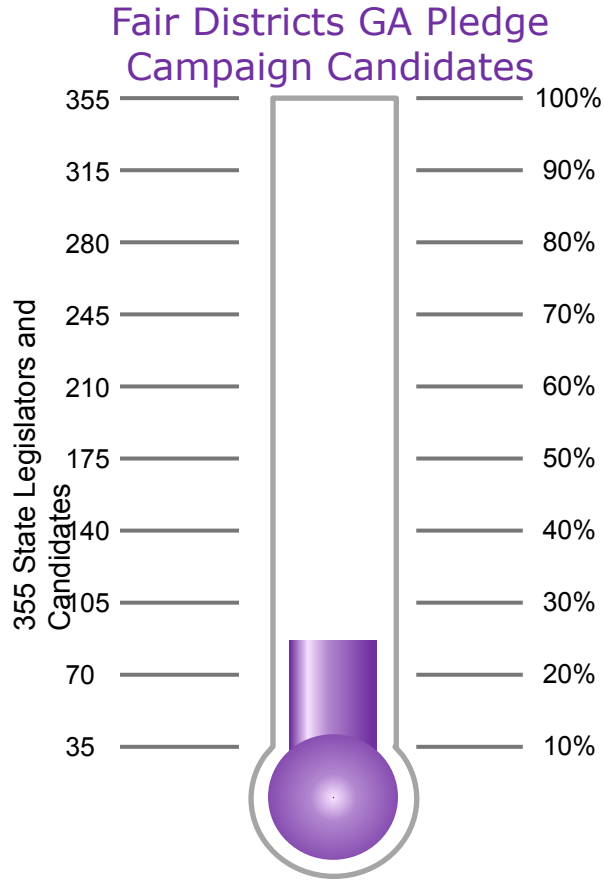
- Current targets
 - 104 current Senators & candidates
 - 11 previously pledged
 - ~320 current Representatives & candidates
 - 34 previously pledged



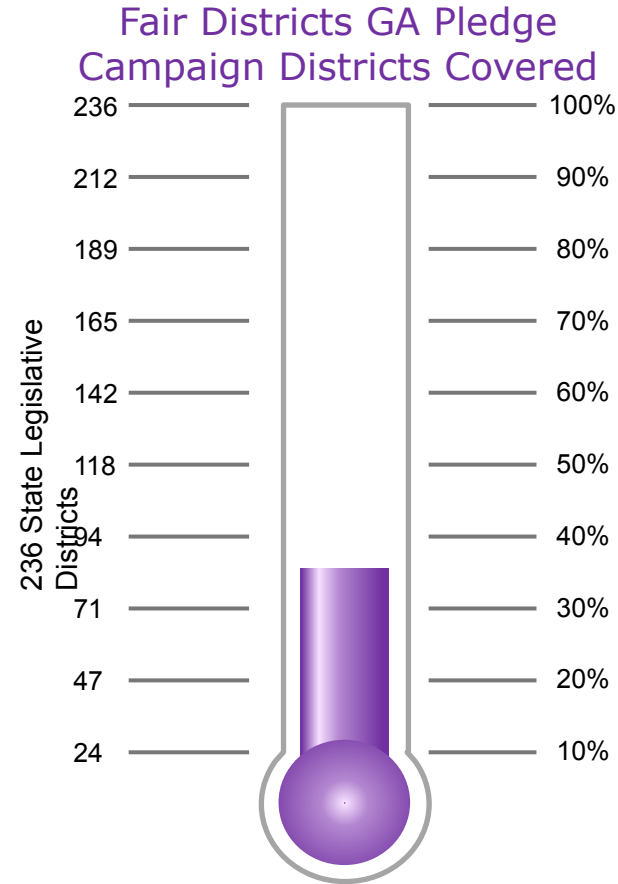
2026 Pledge Campaign Goals



2024 Pledge Campaign Results



As of November 5,
2024



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Pledge Campaign – Why Now?

- Anticipate another attempt to redistrict
 - Special session following the pending election
 - November, between the election and holidays
 - During the 2027 regular session



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Pledge Campaign – Why Now?

- The voters want it
 - Competitive districts – 75% support
 - Non-partisan maps – change law to require – 60%
 - Maps should reflect racial diversity – 60% support
 - Ban mid-decade changes – 52% support
 - Maps should reflect community interests – 51%
 - Enact independent commission – 58% support
 - Download full survey results at FairDistrictsGa.org/gerrymandering



Pledge Campaign – Path Forward

- August 30th-31st – solicitations went out to all candidates and current legislators with pledge attached
- Ongoing
 - Log & post responses
 - Thank you e-mails
 - Social media thank-you



How Candidates Can Pledge

- Option 1 – Sign and return the pledge form
- Option 2 – Link to online pledge form:
bit.ly/FDGA_SignPledge26
 - Or use QR code

A graphic of a hand with a map of Georgia on the palm, set against a purple background with the text "I TAKE THE PLEDGE!" and "FAIR DISTRICTS GA".

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Spread awareness and sign up by visiting
WWW.FAIRDISTRICTSGA.ORG

What Candidates Can Do

- Raise redistricting as an issue they care about
- Publicize their commitment
- Mention Fair Districts GA
- May NOT imply any endorsement
- May NOT use / post our logo



Pledge Campaign – Path Forward

- Follow-up
 - Telephone calls
 - Office visits
 - Letters to the Editor
 - Opinion / Editorials
- ***Public scorecard on our website***



Pledge Campaign – What You Can Do

- Constituent participation – ***be the change agent - your voice matters***
- Email / call your candidate – ask them to pledge
 - Refer to original email from Advocates@FairDistrictsGA.org
 - Point them to: bit.ly/FDGASignPledge26
- Personal appearances
 - Download & bring printed pledge form to event (link in the chat)
 - Candidate signs, you scan and return
 - Present QR code to candidate from your phone – Instant signup!
 - Take candidate picture for publicity
 - Return form and picture to Advocates@FairDistrictsGA.org

Pledge Campaign – What You Can Do

Constituent participation – *be the change agent*

FairDistrictsGa.org/legislators



FOR LEGISLATORS

Pledge Campaign – What You Can Do

Constituent participation – *be the change agent*

Sign our Pledge to Support Fair Redistricting and Redistricting Reform if you are a Legislator or candidate running for office in Georgia?

Let your constituents and voters know how you feel about supporting fair and transparent redistricting and reform in Georgia!

How?

- [Download the pledge](#)
- Sign it
- [Email it](#) from your campaign or office email to Fair Districts GA. Send to advocates@fairdistrictsga.org if the link won't work.

Voters and Constituents

- [Check to see](#) if your Representative, Senator, or candidate supports fair and transparent redistricting.



Pledge Campaign – What You Can Do

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- Join the campaign
 - Dave Thomas – Advocates@FairDistrictsGa.org



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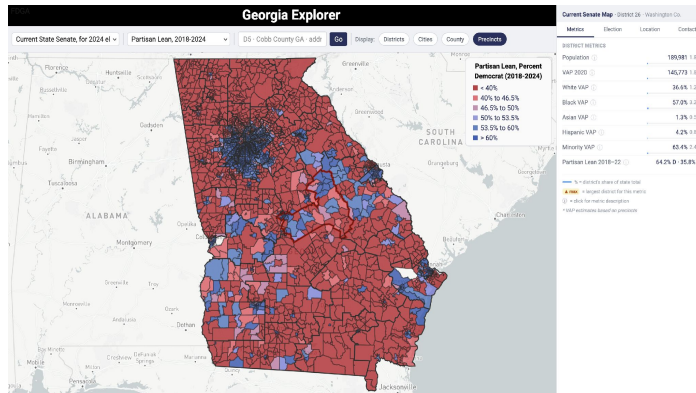
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Join Our Outreach Team

- Help us spread the word before November that fair districts are on the ballot
- Join our “Write a Letter to the Editor” effort to increase pledges and the impact of pledges. (We will provide you with sample letters.)
- Contact Beth Stevenson if you can help:
Outreach@FairDistrictsGA.org

Tools You Can Use

- Redistricting survey
 - Fairdistrictsga.org/gerrymandering/
- Fair Districts Intro: “Georgia Voters Want Fair Districts”
 - Fairdistrictsga.org/gerrymandering/
- Georgia Explorer Map
 - Fairdistrictsga.org/mappingdata/



GEORGIA VOTERS WANT FAIR DISTRICTS

Essential to free and fair elections, voters want:

- Competitive districts
- An end to gerrymandering
- Fair and transparent redistricting processes
- Districts that don't change between censuses

Having competitive voting districts is important to me!

73% of Republicans
77% of Democrats
76% 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 the outcome is all but assured.
- Candidates don't have to compete for voters in the middle.
- Elected leaders are not incentivized to work with colleagues across the aisle.
- Often courts find the maps unconstitutional and make the state redraw them.

THE SOLUTION

Fair Districts GA is a nonpartisan organization working to reform redistricting in Georgia by creating a fully transparent process with standards and robust citizen involvement.

THE BENEFITS

- Better represent the will of the people
- Keep communities together, respect minority communities
- Reduce the chance of elections being decided in the primary
- Drive legislators to work across the aisle if they hope to be re-elected



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Update on GA Redistricting Court Cases

- October 2023 – US District Court ordered new maps (used in 2024)
- State and plaintiffs appealed to 11th Circuit Court
- April 2026 – US Supreme Court rules in Louisiana v. Callais – guts Section 2 of Voting Rights Act
- August 25, 2026 – 11th Circuit Court rules that District Court should reconsider Oct 2023 ruling following Callais
- What's next?
 - District Judge will decide next steps
 - 2023 maps were passed with a backup provision to revert to 2021 maps
 - Lawmakers watching closely...

Two ways to support Fair Districts



- Fair Districts GA Foundation
 - Supports research, education, communication, & community programs
 - Tax-deductible charity 501(c)(3)



- Fair Districts GA
 - Supports legislative advocacy and lobbying
 - Not tax deductible



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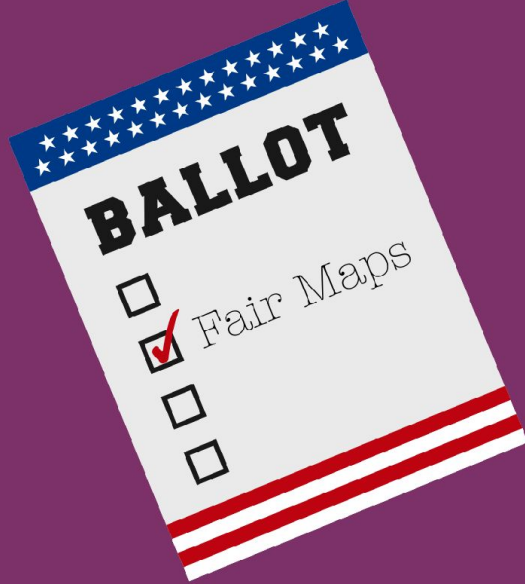
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Thank you!

Upcoming events

- Possible November / December special session – stay on the alert!
- December Town Hall – Election recap

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