

# Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act

House Bill 2638 and Senate Bill 1242

Builds on and improves existing redistricting systems:

Transparent  
process



Public  
engagement



Map-drawing  
criteria



Responsiveness  
to Voters



## Greater Transparency and More Public Engagement

- User-friendly website for free public access to data, maps and all information
- Multiple statewide public hearings before and after plans are approved
- All meetings subject to the Open Meetings Law and all hearings
  - livestreamed,
  - held at convenient times for the public
  - accommodations provided for multiple languages
- Any Pennsylvanian allowed to submit a redistricting plan or part of a plan which the committee must review
- A written report of decisions, rationale and process

## Clear and Measurable Redistricting Criteria

- Mandates compact and contiguous federal and state districts
- Adds enforceable limits on splitting counties beyond what is required by population and bans dividing voting precincts
- Protects racial and language minorities against discrimination in the mapping process
- Outlaws district plans designed to protect incumbents or discriminate against political parties
- Promotes:
  - Keeping communities of interest intact
  - Responding to voter preferences
  - Conforming districts to natural boundaries like rivers, mountains, etc.