

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 54

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION calling on the Indiana Senate to have transparency and public input for the 2021 redistricting process.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION calling on the Indiana Senate
2 to have transparency and public input for the 2021 redistricting
3 process.

4 *Whereas, Every ten years, following the federal decennial*
5 *census, the Indiana legislature redraws the state's*
6 *congressional and legislative districts in a process called*
7 *redistricting;*

8 *Whereas, Redistricting has serious implications for voting*
9 *rights, with the potential to suppress minority and political*
10 *party representation through the manipulation of electoral*
11 *maps to favor one party or group, a practice commonly*
12 *referred to as gerrymandering;*

13 *Whereas, A transparent process is necessary to ensure that*
14 *the Indiana General Assembly does not engage in*
15 *gerrymandering and that Hoosiers have equal, fair*
16 *representation in government;*

17 *Whereas, The Supreme Court has recently declined to*
18 *intervene in cases of partisan gerrymandering, but noted that*
19 *states have the ability to pass laws and set policies to limit the*



1 *practice;*

2 *Whereas, The Indiana Senate has consistently promoted the*
3 *transparency and valued the importance of the full*
4 *participation from the public in the redistricting process;*

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6 *Whereas, Indiana congressional and legislative maps*
7 *should not be drawn on the basis of political data to favor one*
8 *political party, rather, they should be drawn in a way that will*
9 *represent all Hoosier voices and allow Indiana to participate*
10 *in a healthy democracy; and*

11 *Whereas, The redistricting process, in order to be as*
12 *transparent as possible, should be conducted through the full*
13 *legislative process, including public input, committee*
14 *discussion, opportunities for amendments, and robust floor*
15 *debate, all of which should be done during a special session in*
16 *2021: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate is committed to
20 ensuring that the 2021 redistricting process is transparent, with
21 ample opportunity for public input.

