

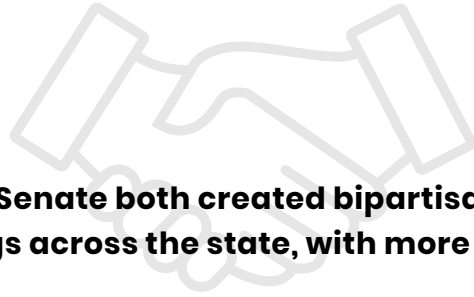
ILLINOIS REDISTRICTING MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH

Redistricting is an entirely partisan process.

FACT

The Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate both created bipartisan redistricting committees that held 46 public hearings across the state, with more to come.



MYTH

Democrats are redrawing maps behind closed doors.

FACT

The proposed map will go through a public process with committee hearings and legislative debate. There have already been thousands of pieces of public input that Democrats and Republicans have both been able to compile and review.

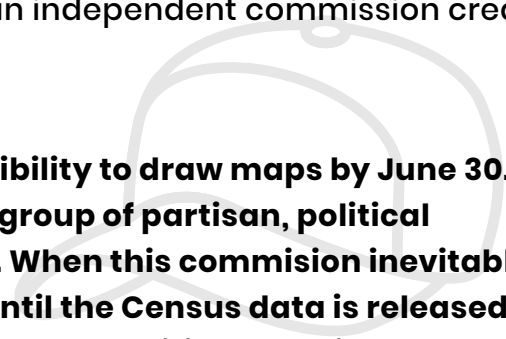


MYTH

Democrats are rushing the process to avoid letting an independent commission create the maps.

FACT

The General Assembly has a constitutional responsibility to draw maps by June 30. The back-up commission is not independent. It is a group of partisan, political appointees who have historically ended in gridlock. When this commission inevitably cannot find resolution or if the drawing is delayed until the Census data is released in September, the drawing of the map will be decided by one political appointee, randomly selected from a hat.



MYTH

Democrats are not using good data.

FACT

The U.S. Census Bureau works year-round to track population shifts with the American Community Survey. The most recent ACS data varies by just 0.3 percent from the state's official population count released by the U.S. Census Bureau in April 2021.

