



## Legislative Priorities on Redistricting

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

*The League of Women Voters believes that well-drawn districts provide voters with a greater range of candidate choices and permit them to hold their elected officials accountable at election time.*

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that the **criteria** for preparing redistricting maps should require that districts meet all Federal criteria, including equal population and the provisions of the Voting Rights Act and should also, as far as is practical

- be contiguous
- be reasonably compact, in terms of travel time from one part of the district to another
- avoid crossing geographic barriers to travel, such as mountain ranges
- minimize the partition of major jurisdictions (counties, municipalities) to the extent possible
- not intentionally favor any political party.

The League supports having **an independent commission or other independent group** develop redistricting plans meeting these criteria, to be considered by the Legislature.

The public must have **access to all information** used in the redistricting process on a timely basis, and have the opportunity to comment and be heard on the proposed redistricting processes, criteria, and results.

*Of particular concern for this 30-day session, the redistricting effort must be adequately funded.*

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