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:

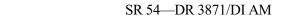
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 process.

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;

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





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1 *practice;*

2 Whereas, The Indiana Senate has consistently promoted the transparency and valued the importance of the full 3 4 participation from the public in the redistricting process; 5 Whereas, Indiana congressional and legislative maps 6 should not be drawn on the basis of political data to favor one 7 8 political party, rather, they should be drawn in a way that will 9 represent all Hoosier voices and allow Indiana to participate in a healthy democracy; and 10 Whereas, The redistricting process, in order to be as 11 12 transparent as possible, should be conducted through the full legislative process, including public input, committee 13 discussion, opportunities for amendments, and robust floor 14 debate, all of which should be done during a special session in 15 2021: Therefore, 16 Be it resolved by the Senate of the 17 General Assembly of the State of Indiana: 18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate is committed to 19 ensuring that the 2021 redistricting process is transparent, with 20 ample opportunity for public input. 21



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