

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT  
12 WOULD ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE UNIFORM REDISTRICTING CRITERIA FOR  
13 CONGRESSIONAL SEATS.

15 WHEREAS, the United States is one of only a few developed  
16 countries that allow officeholders to draw electoral districts;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, partisan gerrymandering disenfranchises voters by  
19 undermining the fundamental premise of one person, one vote and  
20 infringing on a voter's first amendment right to associate  
21 freely and fourteenth amendment right to equal protection of  
22 the laws under the United States constitution; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2025 acts of midcycle redistricting increased  
24 partisan divisions, and additional acts of midcycle  
25 redistricting are predicted in 2026, which will worsen

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1 political polarization further; and

2 WHEREAS, Article 1 of and the fourteenth amendment to the  
3 United States constitution grant congress the authority to  
4 enact laws governing the manner of elections for members of the  
5 United States house of representatives; establish terms and  
6 conditions states must follow in carrying out congressional  
7 redistricting after an apportionment; and enact laws to protect  
8 against excessive partisan gerrymandering; and

9 WHEREAS, requiring states to use uniform redistricting  
10 criteria is an appropriate and important exercise of that  
11 congressional authority; and

12 WHEREAS, prohibiting states from further midcycle  
13 redistricting unless court-ordered is also an appropriate and  
14 important exercise of that congressional authority; and

15 WHEREAS, congress's authority regarding redistricting is  
16 limited to the United States house of representatives;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to  
19 pass legislation to require uniform redistricting criteria and  
20 uniform process standards for the United States house of  
21 representatives apportionment and to prohibit states from  
22 midcycle redistricting unless court-ordered; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the speaker of the United States house of  
25 representatives, the clerk of the United States house of

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representatives, the president pro tempore of the United States senate, the secretary of the United States senate, the New Mexico congressional delegation, the governor and the secretary of state.

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