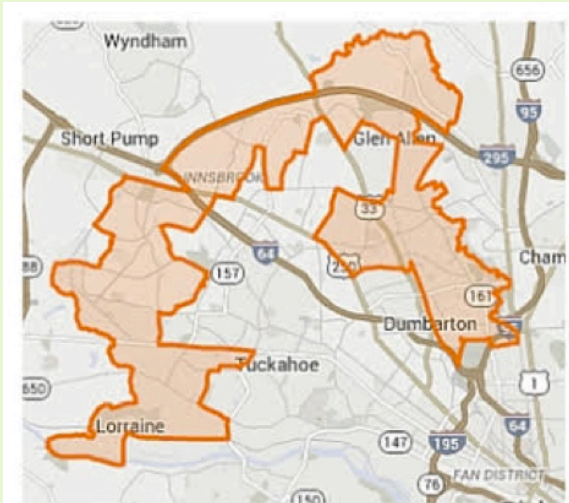


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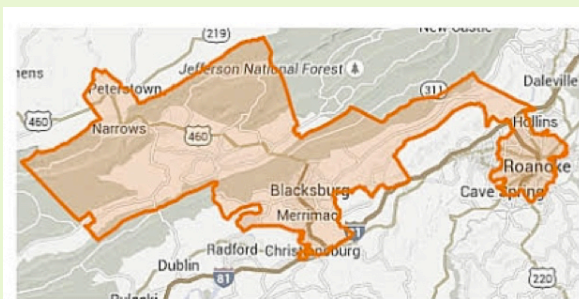
## LEARN MORE/GET INVOLVED/DEMAND CHANGE!

**Make sure  
your vote  
matters!  
Let's end:**



House of Delegates District 72

- Virginia is among the **five worst gerrymandered states** in our country.
- In the 2015 midterm Assembly races "122 incumbents ran for reelection, and 122 of them won" ([www.richmond.com](http://www.richmond.com), 3/2/2017).



State Senate District 21

**Watch** the Documentary *GerryRIGGED* at <http://www.onevirginia2021.org/about/gerryrigged/>.

**Talk** to your friends, neighbors and community associations about the gerrymandering problem.

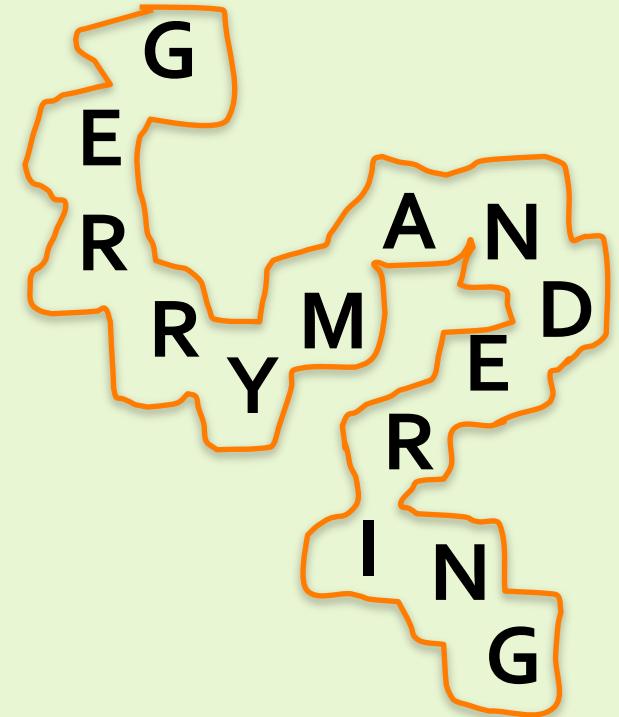
**Support** your community's efforts at <http://www.onevirginia2021.org> and [NetworkNova.org](http://NetworkNova.org) where you can get more information on what we are doing and download this brochure.

**Sign** the Petitions at <http://www.onevirginia2021.org/participate/petition/> and <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/governor-mcauliffe-virginia-needs-redistricting>.

**Contact** your State Senators and District Delegates: [viriniageneralassembly.gov/](http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/).

**Question** all candidates on their position on gerrymandering reform.

**VOTE** in every election.



*" [E]nding gerrymandering will give us governing bodies that are more representative and effective. This in turn will attract sincere, wise candidates willing to engage voters who might ask tough questions"*

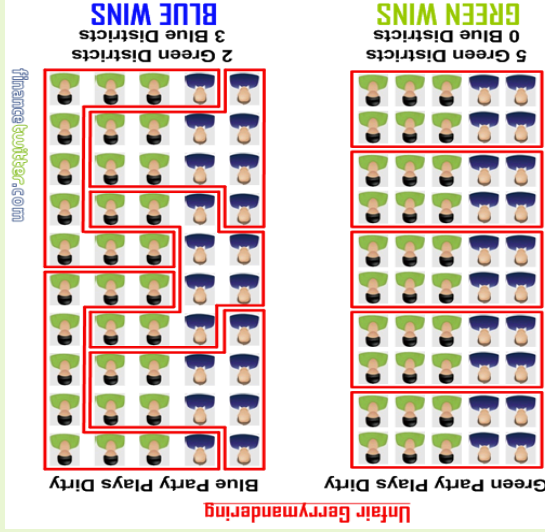
*(The News Leader, 10/13/2015).*

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## WHAT IS

## GERRYMANDERING?

The “deliberate manipulation of legislative district boundaries for political power” (One Virginia 2021)



\* graphic from [www.financeboulevard.com](http://www.financeboulevard.com)

- Legislators drawing voting district lines to “favor a particular party or protect incumbents” (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 2/14/2017).
- A “great conflict of interest” Ronald Reagan (ABC/David Brinkley interview, 12/1988).
- “[P]oliticians ... pick(ing) their voters,” Barack Obama, (State of the Union, 1/2016).
- An “incumbent protection program” (The News Leader, 10/15/2015).
- “Legislators...feathering their own nests” (Chesley, The Virginia-Pilot, 3/6/2017).

## SO WHY SHOULD I CARE?

In the 2017 Virginia legislative session, 13 gerrymandering reform bills were killed by the publicly unrecorded votes of a little known 7-person subcommittee in the House of Delegates.

Gerrymandering is Undemocratic: *Legislators picking their voters* rather than the voters picking them; this diminishes everyone's voting rights.

Gerrymandering creates *Girdlock*. Closer party majorities in legislative bodies encourages *bipartisan cooperation* and compromise to get things done.

Gerrymandering *Reduces Competition* from new candidates of any party. For example, in 2015, 61 of the 100 Virginia delegate races were uncontested (PilotOnline, 2/13/2017). Lack of robust electoral competition limits ideas and debate on issues and voter choice on the direction of Virginia.

Gerrymandering *Increases Voter Apathy*, particularly in state and local elections. Since 2000, less than 50% of registered Virginia voters participate in midterm elections. (<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/resultsreports/registration-statistics/registrationturnout-statistics/>).

*Votes Should Matter* and all Virginians must be urged to participate.

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