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# 135th General Assembly Regular Session 2023-2024

S. R. No. 453

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**Senator Antonio** 

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Smith, Sykes

## A RESOLUTION

Т	o express the Ohio Senate's support for the	1
	Citizens Not Politicians-Citizens Redistricting	2
	Commission Initiative, which would transfer the	3
	power of drawing legislative and congressional	4
	maps from politicians and lobbyists to the	5
	citizens of Ohio; to address the problems, risks,	6
	and political extremism of politician-led	7
	gerrymandering that undermines fair	8
	representation; and to encourage Ohioans to	9
	support the measure for a freer, more democratic	10
	state.	11

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The drawing of legislative and congressional maps,	12	
or the redistricting process, has historically been controlled	13	
by politicians and lobbyists, leading to districts that serve		
political interests rather than the citizens of Ohio; and		
WHEREAS, Rigged districts distort our democracy, making it	16	
more difficult for citizens to hold their elected officials	17	
accountable and reducing the overall impact of each citizen's	18	
vote; and	19	

WHEREAS, The Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative

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proposes a more transparent and fair process by placing the	21
responsibility of redistricting in the hands of an independent	22
commission composed of Ohio citizens, rather than politicians	23
and lobbyists; and	24
WHEREAS, Empowering citizens to be a part of the	25
redistricting process will strengthen Ohio's democracy, enhance	26
the integrity of our elections, and restore trust in our	27
political system; now therefore be it	28
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th	29
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the citizens of Ohio	30
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to vote for Issue 1 and support the Citizens Not Politicians-	31
Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative, thereby ensuring	32
fair representation, preserving the health of our democracy, and	33
empowering all citizens to have a voice in the governance of our	34
state; and be it further	35
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly	36
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and to	37
the news media of Ohio.	38