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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Redistricting reforms using an independent nonpartisan commission has been a priority resolution request by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature every legislative term for the last 12 years.

There have been as many as 20 sponsors each term including myself. Currently details can be found on page 64 of the Silver-Haired Legislature LEGISLATIVE REPORT (2020). We believe that current redistricting procedures create districts that create unnatural and disjointed geographical boundaries which do not allow representatives to truly represent their constituents and violate the basic principles of democracy.

These are concerns of older Texans who take voting very seriously. And many states have utilized nonpartisan commissions to designate contiguous geographical boundaries while eliminating prior voting, registration, ethnic, social, religious and financial data. This should allow for redistricting to place to promote democracy while reducing political gridlock and gerrymandering. And it is the right thing to do! We wish you well!

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