

# **Action Alert**

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### **HB 259 - Redistricting**

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As you know, the Senate passed HB 259, a bill that would redistrict Senate districts. This bill was pushed through with very limited debate and is now awaiting action by the House of Delegates.

The new Senate redistricting plan is unconstitutional. The Virginia Constitution says that redistricting occurs only in years ending with 1, following the census which occurs in years ending in 0 and occurs only once every ten years. Further the Senate action on redistricting creates a dangerous precedent of redistricting anytime either party is in a position of strength and wants to increase its partisan advantage.

Contact the Speaker of the House of Delegates and let him know that he should rule the bill unconstitutional and not allow elected officials to pick their votes, instead of voters picking their elected officials.

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