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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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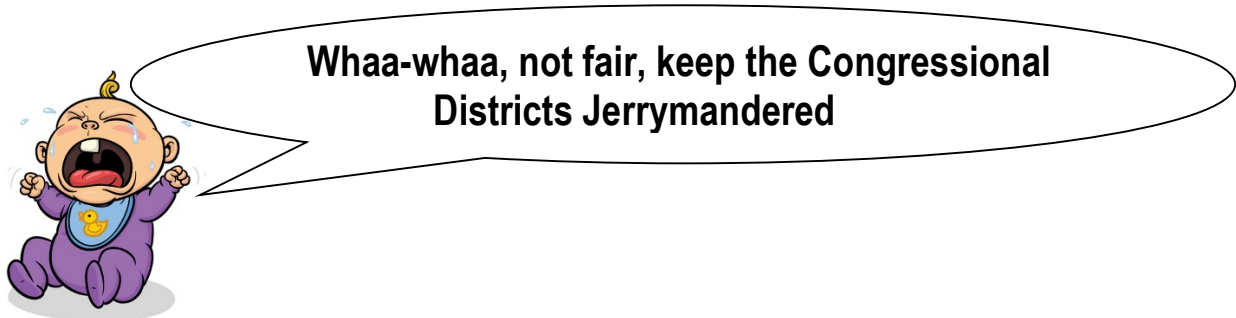
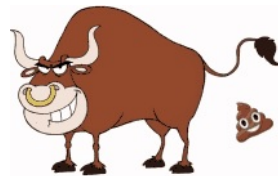
### IT'S TIME TO DRAW THE LINE



#### PA HOUSE BILL 2146

[House Bill 2146 PN 2491](#) (Grove): Apportions the Commonwealth into seventeen (*more Republican-leaning, more partisan, less competitive and less compact*) congressional districts, drawn using a data set that includes 'prison gerrymandering'; provides for the nomination and election of Members of Congress; and requires publication of notice of the establishment of congressional districts following the Federal decennial census.

#### Just more partisan



#### Advocates fear Pa. 'lagging the field' after GOP committee fails to adopt redistricting map

Hours after Republicans in Harrisburg made it clear they haven't officially adopted a proposed Congressional district map, a leading advocate for fair redistricting said

it's becoming "increasingly difficult" to support the process GOP officials are undertaking. David Thornburgh, president and CEO of the good government

group Committee of Seventy, said advocates hoped Republicans in the House State Government Committee — an entity that's playing a critical role in redrawing Congressional boundaries — were finally making progress and would soon involve the public for comment on an actual map.

Instead, the committee opted Monday to advance a bill that describes new district lines, but didn't include a physical map to work from, Mr. Thornburgh said — making Pennsylvania still one of just six or seven states that hasn't yet proposed a Congressional map.

"Were lagging the field and we don't have a whole lot of time," Mr. Thornburgh said.

The Pennsylvania Department of State has marked Jan. 24 as the deadline to receive the maps, which would give counties enough time to prepare documents for

candidates to begin circulating nominating petitions for the May 17 primary.

"Any decision to move the primary would have to originate in the Legislature," Beth Rementer, press secretary for Mr. Wolf, said. "That said, the governor believes that it is critical that next year's primary be held on new maps, and believes the primary should be moved if necessary to ensure maps can be completed with appropriate transparency and opportunity for comment."

The preliminary map drawn by Ms. Holt is not perfect, advocates said, but a good start to discussions. Mr. Thornburgh said a 30-day public comment period on any map should be the "bare minimum."

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