
FAIR ELECTIONS & MAPS

Republicans continue to create obstacles to voting and oppose and obstruct court-ordered efforts to correct the partisan gerrymandering that is among the worst in the country.

- After having their voter ID law overturned by the courts as discriminatory, Republicans proposed a photo ID constitutional amendment that would allow them to decide what specific types of ID the state would accept after the November election – giving them the opportunity to impose the same strict and discriminatory guidelines for acceptable photo IDs as they tried to establish before.
- Republicans passed S325, which imposes costly and burdensome new requirements on local boards of elections regarding early voting schedules.
- Republicans reorganized county boards of elections to consist of two members of each party with the Republicans controlling the chairmanship in even-numbered (i.e. election) years. Previously the boards had three members with the governor’s party holding the majority. The boards are now required to make unanimous rather than majority decisions on early voting schedules; if they cannot agree, the state Board of Elections will make the decision for the local community.
- Republicans twice restructured the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement after their first attempt was blocked by the courts. It now consists of four Republicans, four Democrats, and an unaffiliated member. They have proposed a constitutional amendment that removes the unaffiliated member, which would lead to endless gridlock. The constitutional amendment would shift control of this board from the executive branch (governor) to the legislative branch (NCGA).
- Republicans continue to oppose court-ordered changes to various electoral district lines that were found to be illegal.