

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VANDERBURGH COUNTY INDIANA, SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF INDIANA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the geographic boundary lines of voting districts, both federal and state, within Indiana are by law periodically redrawn by the Indiana State legislature to balance the voting population numbers within voting districts;

WHEREAS, voting district geographic boundary lines drawn by the majority political party in power at the time are often drawn primarily to favor that political party while discounting the integrity of the boundaries of the cities and neighborhoods, resulting in a phenomenon called "gerrymandering";

WHEREAS, partisan gerrymandering of voting districts undermines competitive, democratically robust, and non-discriminatory elections;

WHEREAS, the provisions expressed in the Voting Rights Act and the concept that voters should choose their legislators rather than legislators choosing their voters should be guiding principles in the processes of the drawing of voting district lines; and

WHEREAS, the process of redistricting in Indiana should be conducted in a public process with an opportunity for input from cities and other political subdivisions as well as the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County Indiana, does RESOLVE as follows:

We hereby urge the Legislators of the State of Indiana to establish by law an Independent Redistricting Commission, the make-up of which would include an equal number of representatives of the major political parties in the state as well as a number of private citizens appointed in a non-partisan manner, said Commission to report redistricting recommendations to the state legislature for action based upon the below listed principles and such other guiding principles as deemed practicable and appropriate in the interest of furthering competitive, democratically robust, non-discriminatory elections in the State of Indiana.

SO APPROVED this ____ day of October, 2017.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA**

By: _____
Bruce Ungethiem, President

By: _____
Cheryl A. W. Musgrave, Vice-President

By: _____
Ben Shoulders, Member

ATTEST:

Brian A. Gerth, Vanderburgh County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: _____
Joseph H. Harrison, Jr.
Vanderburgh County Attorney