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Message:

The current map S2168 is a gerrymandered map, that is an unfair map drawn to favor some voters over others. Instead of voters choosing their elected leaders, it has the effect of leaders choosing their voters. It is undemocratic and a form of election-rigging. The map makes it harder to hold elected officials accountable. African American and Hispanic communities are negatively affected, with fewer majority minority districts, and less representation than they should have under a fairer system of map drawing. These conclusions have been quantified with objective studies by experts. Astonishingly, according to MathForUnbiasedMapsTX (MUM TX) "literally *hundreds of thousands* of less biased maps can be found, and more can be generated in a matter of minutes!" I find it silly that the state would be so adamant about conducting election audits, but this redistricting scheme is perfectly acceptable? Texans deserve better than this. I urge you to advance SJR16, to amend the Texas Constitution to provide for nonpartisan redistricting that is fair and does not work to favor one party over another, but truly lets voters decide (the way it's supposed to work).