

Argument Against State Issue 1

The current process for drawing new congressional districts is adequate and has served Ohio well for many years. Although the current system allows for one-party control, the voters can hold their state legislators responsible and vote against them if they believe those legislators are too partisan.

Even when this process is controlled by a single party, it is still representative of the people's will since any map is passed by statewide officials, who were themselves elected by popular vote. Historically, one party's control doesn't last forever.

The current process can be trusted to maintain fair district lines; a "no" vote maintains the status quo.

CERTIFICATION

Acting in my capacity as the secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, I hereby certify to the Secretary of the State of Ohio that the foregoing text is the argument against Issue 1 prescribed by the Ohio Ballot Board, acting pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution and section 3505.063 of the Revised Code of Ohio, for this constitutional amendment proposed by the General Assembly for submission to the Ohio electorate at the election to be held on May 8, 2018.

In testimony whereof, I have subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, this 20th day of February, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Kuruc". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary, Ohio Ballot Board