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# PTA & POLITICS

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## Test your Redistricting Knowledge.....ANSWERS

- **1. What does it mean to "pack" voters into a district?**
  - A. New district boundaries focus on the interest of a smaller, more isolated constituent population rather than considering the diverse whole.
  - B. To create a district with a larger population than its surrounding districts.
  - C. Voters of one political persuasion are concentrated into a single district to isolate their impact.
  - D. To create a district with a large population that is severely divided by political and special interests.
  
- **2. If proposed district maps "crack" voter groups, what has happened?**
  - A. Voters of one political persuasion are split among multiple districts to dilute their impact.
  - B. A great deal of strife breaks out among political parties under new district boundaries.
  - C. New districts that once favored one political party now favor the other under new district boundaries.
  - D. Legislators create new districts at random, disregarding the interests of constituents.
  
- **3. In the redistricting process, the term "nesting" refers to...**
  - A. Settling down in a new home with your significant other.
  - B. When one legislative district surrounds another.
  - C. When a mother robin gathers sticks and materials to build a nest for her new hatchlings, signaling spring legislative deadlines.
  - D. When the boundaries of two or more State House of Representatives districts are completely contained within the boundaries of one State Senate district.
  
- **4. Georgia has \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Districts and \_\_\_\_\_ House Districts.**
  - A. 56, 180
  - B. 100, 50
  - C. 180, 56
  - D. 50, 100
  
- **5. What is a "precinct"?**
  - A. Another name for a legislative district.
  - B. A geographic area established to assign voters to a designated polling place for the purpose of conducting elections.
  - C. A voting location during elections.
  - D. An area created by elected officials to group voters for assignments to a particular political party.

# Guest Speakers

## □ Linda Meggers

*Legislative Reapportionment Services Office*

Former Director, Legislative Reapportionment Services Office

***ABCs of Redistricting***



## □ Representative Roger Lane

Chair, Georgia House Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committee

***Redistricting Process In Georgia***

## □ Kelli Persons

Program Manager, League of Women Voters of Georgia

***The Impact of Redistricting on Your Community***

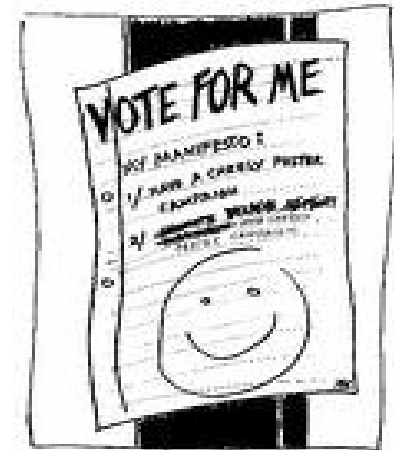
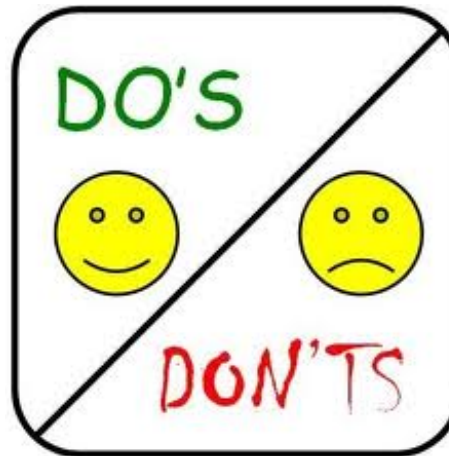




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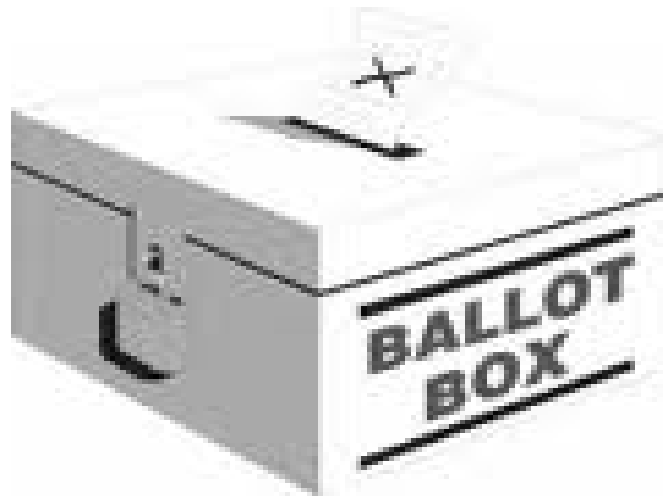
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## Questions & Answers



**Important Ballot Referendum Questions**



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## **Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Office**

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