

Iowa's non-partisan reapportionment system assures that all voters' interests are represented in an equitable demographic, geographic, and unbiased manner. The work of the Legislative Service Agency is not about the next general election, it is about shaping a strong representational democracy for the next decade. This mapping system we have used in the past has allowed elected officials, regardless of party, and ordinary Iowans to proudly boast that we are a fair state, ripe with opportunities to welcome and embrace new Iowans, new families, and new businesses.

What might new Iowans be seeking?. A beautiful blend of agriculture and technology, a state where wind power and environmental protection means something, a state where education is excellent and where children are raised to become honest and participating citizens. Harsh partisan positions do not attract families to Iowa. Manipulation of long effective rules in order to benefit one group over another does not attract new Iowans. In recent memory both major parties have held the legislative and executive branches and have had opportunities to seek change in our nationally recognized system, but have never done so. Any effort to alter a long respected methodology means bad decisions will surely lead to national attention, attention that is not helpful in establishing long term prosperity for our beloved state.