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## League of Women Voters of Florida opposes mid-decade redistricting

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The Florida House has started a congressional redistricting process, beginning with this week's meeting of the Congressional Redistricting Select Committee. This is a result of calls from the White House for Republican-led states to maximize House seats ahead of the midterm elections.



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The League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVFL) opposes mid-decade redistricting for the following reasons:

- In 2010, Florida voters approved the Fair Districts amendment, which prohibits partisan redistricting. It is illegal.
- The U.S. Constitution mandates that states use data from the decennial census when creating district maps. The current maps were drawn in 2022 using the latest numbers. It is unnecessary.
- Focusing on redistricting diverts the legislature's attention from the important issues affecting daily life. It is a distraction.

Constituent feedback, whether through email, phone calls, or letters, does influence decisions. Objections to mid-decade redistricting may be particularly powerful, as they could provide legislators with reasons to resist a bill that could threaten their own positions.

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