

# POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES - 2012

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## ISSUE 2

# What is it???

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Every ten (10) years, Ohio conducts a **census** of its population. Based upon the outcome of the census, the boundaries for our Senate, House of Representatives and Congressional seats are **redesigned to fit the population**.
- Ohio's Constitution allows **elected representatives** to design the new boundaries.

### OUTCOME

- Typically, the **political party holding power** designs and redistricts these legislative seats to favor their party and/or specific candidates.
- History has shown that this occurs whether the Republicans hold power or the Democrats hold power.

### WHAT ISSUE 2 DOES:

- Creates a 12-member independent citizens commission that would redesign the legislative lines after each census.
- The commission would be made up of independent citizens - not politicians, not elected representatives.
- Four (4) Republicans, four (4) Democrats, and four (4) non-affiliated voters will serve on the commission.

The final redesign/redistricting would require a

- majority vote by seven (7) of the commission members.

**Our political system is broken.**

Extreme partisan politicians and special interests repeatedly rig the system for their own benefit. Issue 2 would make our system more accountable, fair and impartial so that no political party or special interest can rig the system to their own advantage.

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