

# SB-10

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Patel of Oklahoma introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "The Trust in Redistricting Act".

### **SECTION 2. Limitation on the Usage of Partisan Data in Redistricting**

No entity in charge of redistricting, including but not limited to independent redistricting commissions and state legislatures, shall utilize partisan data, including data about party affiliation, previous voting patterns, or voter registration, as a basis to modify or establish district boundaries in the initial phases of redistricting.

(1) Revisions to district lines shall not unduly encroach on common redistricting principles, including but not limited to population equality, contiguity, compactness, respect for existing political boundaries, and consideration of geographic features.

### **SECTION 3. Public Transparency Throughout Redistricting**

Before the redistricting process begins, the entity in charge of redistricting shall publicly share an outline of objectives they hope to achieve. All demographic and geographic data accessed by the entity in charge of redistricting used while creating, redrawing, or discussing district boundaries shall be publicly shared. All map alterations shall be publicly shared along with a statement of justification in a timely manner set by the respective state legislatures; these justifications shall cite specific data that is publicly shared. All publicly shared information outlined in SECTION 3 shall be accessible to the public through government websites and other means outlined by the respective state legislatures. State legislators shall determine a means of permitting and incorporating public feedback into the redistricting process.

### **SECTION 4. Enforcement**

Failure to comply with this bill may result in the invalidation of district maps, fines, or both.

### **SECTION 5. Effective Date**

This bill shall go into effect at the time of the completion of the next federal census.