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IVI-IPO is strongly opposed to gerrymandering. We believe that voting districts should be created for the benefit of the constituents, not the representatives. District boundaries should be able to be justified by a public policy need, not by private interests or desires. It is as inappropriate for legislators to vote for a map based on their political self-interest as it would be to vote for legislation based on their financial self-interest.

IVI-IPO supports the following criteria. Districts

- should not be drawn to favor or discriminate against incumbents, candidates or parties. (Incumbent addresses must not be considered)
- must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act
- should respect counties, cities, communities of interest and neighborhoods
- must be geographically contiguous
- should have reasonably equal population

To the extent there is no conflict with the criteria above, districts should be geographically compact.

The redistricting process should be open for public input. Computer terminals and/or on-line mapping should be available for public use during the same period of time the legislature is drawing districts. The map drawn by the legislature should be available for public inspection and a venue for public comment should be established, for at least one week prior to a vote being taken to adopt a map.