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Developing new voting districts

## **Your Comment:**

Develop voting districts by putting state population data into a computer district forming program. Have the district formation start in the NE or SE corner of the state, with one of the criteria districts be nearly square. Voting districts should be developed to learn/know the will of citizens of Montana, rather than to reinforce/perpetuate the objectives of the political party that is in control during the year the census is taken. Gerrymandering is contrary to the First Amendment, because it robs citizens of their ability to have their opinion heard. I think a Republic is the best for of national government. If states continue to manipulate/stifle the ability of citizens to choose representatives that reflect the citizens values, the movements to replace the republic form of government with outright democracy will gain momentum. The growing call to remove the electoral college system of choosing our US president is evidence of this. The end does not justify the means, but the means we use states our values and morals.

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