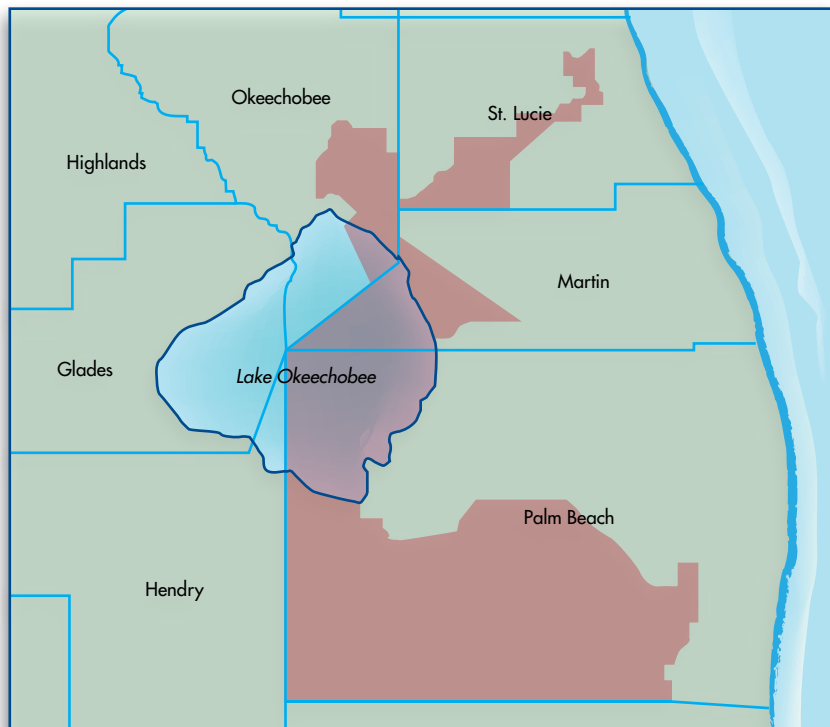


VOTE YES on Fair Districts Amendments 5 & 6

YOU can stop politicians from drawing districts to preserve their own political power

Only Career Politicians Think a District Like This Makes Sense



What you're looking at is one example of how politicians in Tallahassee hold on to power. Like most districts in Florida, the 78th House District is a monstrosity — bizarrely shaped, including random parts of 4 counties and divided by Lake Okeechobee — all to ensure a certain political outcome.

You wouldn't play a game if you knew the rules were stacked against you. But thanks to the way Tallahassee politicians rig their districts, elections get decided long before you show up to vote.

- ⚡ Every 10 years Tallahassee politicians use the redistricting process to draw safe seats for themselves and their political allies.
- ⚡ The Florida Constitution currently contains no rules or standards to guard against this political conflict of interest, leaving politicians free to rig districts for their own political protection. In the last 3 elections, with 420 state legislative seats up for election, only 3 incumbents were defeated.
- ⚡ FairDistricts Amendments 5 & 6 will create rules to stop politicians from selfishly drawing districts that guarantee they can't lose.

Florida politicians have turned democracy on its head:
**Instead of voters choosing their representatives,
the representatives get to choose their voters.**

FairDistrictsFlorida.org

“The issue is redistricting. And it’s the dirty little secret of modern politics.”
— *The Orlando Sentinel*

The System is Broken

FLORIDA NEWSPAPERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO VOTE **YES ON AMENDMENTS 5 & 6**

“The current system of drawing legislative and congressional districts is broken.” — *St. Pete Times*

“The redistricting process needs to be overhauled. ...It is critical to remove selfish political motives from the process.” — *Tampa Tribune*

“There is nothing state lawmakers guard more jealously than their power to rig legislative and congressional districts to serve their own interests and their party’s desire for control.” — *The Gainesville Sun*

“Legislators love the perverse practice (**of gerrymandering**), which allows them to draw legislative and congressional districts in ways that make it virtually impossible for challengers to unseat them.” — *Orlando Sentinel*

“Lines shouldn’t be drawn to help a party, incumbent or anyone else.” — *Florida Times Union*

“Amendments 5 & 6 will give control of elections back to Florida’s voters, where it belongs.” — *The Miami Herald*

“The intent of the amendments is sound: give voters more power and powerful politicians less.” — *Tallahassee Democrat*

“The people should support Amendments 5 & 6 so we can put an end to the chicanery and political arrogance that has become all too routine in the Legislature.” — *Lakeland Ledger*

Amendment 5 **Standards for Legislature to follow in legislative redistricting**

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Amendment 6 **Standards for Legislature to follow in congressional redistricting**

Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.