



Redistricting ABC's A Poem for the People

A is for America, the good ol' USA.
B is for her Beauty – Outer Banks to 'Frisco Bay.
C's for Constitution, both Federal and State.
D is for Democracy, free of prejudice and hate.
E is for Elections, when voters make a choice.
F's for Faith we'll make a Future where all people have a voice.
G's for General Assembly—they pass the laws that make
Historians – and all of us! – address what it would take
to **I**ndependently decide that voting districts must
be drawn to be nonpartisan in order to be **J**ust.
We **K**now that gerrymandered lines, creating shapes absurd,
will guarantee that **L**ess than every voter's voice is heard.
M is for the mess we make when leaders fail to see
Nonpartisan redistricting is fair as fair can be!
O is for Obstruction, with no progress, only fuss,
when **P**arty **P**ols forget this crucial fact: *THEY work for US!*
Q's for Quiet citizens, which we will never be,
 'til fair representation is the law by NCGA decree.
So **R**edesign those district maps – compact, congruent, contiguous,
 with voter balance and rights in mind, and rules that aren't ambiguous.
If left alone, **S**elf-serving maps reflect a single thought:
 to limit voter choice to one. Democracy it is NOT!
Restoring **T**rust in government – when it occurs – will lead
to **U**nity and compromise – a fundamental need.
We need our **V**oices to be heard, and all our votes to count.
With help from the League of Women Voters, their efforts paramount.
EXpedience is called for; it's the order of the day.
Say **Y**es to fair voting maps – and do so right away!
 Z is for Zeitgeist, which means “the current trend” –
 one that will bring good to all with gerrymandering's end.