

REDISTRICTING REPORT 2-17-18

Great news! The Colorado Supreme Court has passed our initiatives 67, 68, and 69. (Ninety-five and ninety-six, initiatives proposed by People Not Politicians, have not yet had their hearings.) This means that shortly we will probably pull initiatives 48, 50, and 68 out of the process and proceed with just 67 and 69.

I say probably because the other good news is that the negotiations that Fair Districts Colorado (FDC) is having with the group called People Not Politicians (PNP) have been proceeding very well. As well as FDC, which includes League members, Common Cause and others are involved with the PNP effort. There are only three or four issues still to be agreed upon, and if that happens, we will most likely submit the joint initiatives to the state legislature to be passed as referred changes to the state constitution. The self-imposed deadline for the agreement is March 1st so we should know soon. If the groups doing the negotiation do come up with an agreement, we would then need to get both the Democratic and Republican leadership to agree not to allow any amendments to the initiatives in the legislature.

If all of this happens, we won't have to worry about getting signatures, but if not, expect to hear from the campaign about signature gathering training and materials. Either way, we will be gearing up for educational events in the late summer and fall.

I'll let you know when I know.

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