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**Representative Daryl Campbell and Senator Shevrin Jones File
Legislation to Abolish Partisan Gerrymandering**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Daryl Campbell (D–Fort Lauderdale) and Senator Shevrin Jones (D–Miami Gardens) have filed legislation, [HJR 619, State Reapportionment](#), and [SJR 728, State Reapportionment](#), to increase legislative representation and create three citizen-led panels that would stop partisan gerrymandering and prevent politicians from rigging the system.

“For years, Florida’s political maps have been drawn to protect politicians instead of people,” said **Representative Campbell**. “Every few years, the party in power rewrites the rules to stay in power. Now, in 2025, here we are again, in the middle of an illegal and unconstitutional attempt to rig the game for one man. That’s not democracy. This one big, beautiful bill puts the voters back in charge.”

“The people should choose their representatives, not the other way around. These commissions would be made up of regular Floridians – not lawmakers, not lobbyists, not campaign insiders. If you’ve recently made money in politics, you’re out. This is about independence and fairness, not influence and favors,” **Rep. Campbell** continued.

“Fairness means not rigging the lines for any party or politician. It’s not complicated – it’s just honest. You can’t tell voters to ‘just vote them out’ when the maps are drawn to make that impossible. When politicians pick their voters, accountability dies. Fair maps mean real elections, real competition, and real representation.”

“This bill is about keeping the faith—faith in our democracy and faith in each other,” **Rep. Campbell** concluded. “If we trust Floridians to pick their leaders, then we should trust Floridians to draw the lines that define their voice. Power belongs with the people – not in the backrooms of the Capitol.”

Senator Shevrin Jones stated, “The fight for fair maps is fundamentally a fight for equal representation and a functioning democracy. For too long, the people of Florida have been forced to live under a system where politicians pick their voters, silencing diverse voices and cementing power in the hands of a few. This bill takes that power out of the backrooms of the

Capitol and puts it squarely where it belongs: with the citizens of our state. This is about making sure that every vote counts, every community is heard, and Florida’s government truly reflects the will of its people.”

About the Bill

This measure represents the most ambitious redistricting reforms in Florida’s history. It would replace Florida’s current partisan process with independent citizen commissions that draw fair, transparent, and community-driven maps for the state House, state Senate, and congressional districts. Under the plan, Floridians — not party leaders — would oversee how legislative lines are drawn, ensuring every community has a fair voice and every voter counts equally. The bill also expands legislative representation, ensuring the people are closer to the government that is meant to serve them, not the other way around.

Each commission would be made up of citizens — not lobbyists, not insiders, not career politicians — selected through a nonpartisan screening process that guarantees that commissioners will truly represent the people. The commissions would operate under strict ethics and transparency standards: no current or recent elected officials, party officers, campaign staff, or lobbyists could serve, and all deliberations would occur in public.

All meetings would be public and streamed live on the Florida Channel; all map data, from census numbers to shapefiles, would be posted online within three days; and citizens would be invited to submit their own maps through a public portal. The proposal also codifies voting-rights protections into state law for the first time, ensuring that no district can be drawn to dilute the influence of minority voters or silence communities of color.

The bill mandates that all maps be drawn according to the Fair Districts criteria that Florida’s own voters adopted in 2010—without favoring any party or incumbent. All proposed maps must be posted online, accompanied by data and public comments. At least twelve public hearings, held across the state and advertised in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese, would guarantee every Floridian has the opportunity to weigh in.

Any litigation would go directly to the Florida Supreme Court, which would have exclusive jurisdiction and the authority to resolve disputes quickly and fairly.

The bill seeks to restore public faith in Florida’s democracy.

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