Redistricting reform in Virginia: Enabling Legislation and Alternatives

[Amendment	Enabling Legislation					Legislative Alternatives				
Bill/resolution:	SJ18	SB203	SB204	HB758/SB975	HB381	HB877	HB1055	HB1645	HJ143*	HB1256	
Sponsor:	Barker	Lucas/Locke		VanValkenburg/Hanger	Cole	Sickles	Levine			Price	
Hybrid commission draws maps	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	\checkmark	\checkmark				
Independent commission (no role for G.A.)									\checkmark		
Advisory commission								\checkmark		\checkmark	
VA Supreme Court as fallback mechanism	✓	\			√	✓					
VA Supreme Court + special master as fallback			✓	✓							
Public website		^		✓	\checkmark	^		✓	\	\checkmark	
Public release of data		\		✓						/	
Number of public hearings	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	
Prevent commissioner conflicts-of-interest		^		✓	\checkmark	^				\checkmark	
Commissioners must apply		✓		✓	√	✓		√	/	✓	
Commissioner diversity requirement		✓		✓	√	✓		√	✓	/	
*HJ143 would take effect after 2031											



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Redistricting bills before the Virginia General Assembly: Fairness Criteria

	Redistricting criteria only				Both redistricting criteria and process reform						
Bill/resolution:	SB56	SB175	SB241	HB1054	HB1255/SB717	SJ18	SB203/HB758/SB975				
Sponsor:	Suetterlein	Chase	Barker	Levine	Price/McClellan	Barker	Lucas/VanValkenburg/Hanger	Cole	Levine		Price
Meet federal and state laws on racial/ethnic fairness	/	\	\	/	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\	/	\checkmark	1
Contiguous, compact, and equal population	\	\	\	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\	/	\checkmark	Not compactness
Respect or consider political boundaries	\checkmark	/		✓	✓		✓	/		\checkmark	\checkmark
Respect or consider communities of interest	\checkmark	/		✓	✓		✓	/		\checkmark	\checkmark
Reinforce 15th Amendment and Voting Rights Act			/	✓	\checkmark		✓			\checkmark	\checkmark
Minimize split precincts				✓			✓			\checkmark	\checkmark
Prohibit undue favor to party or incumbent		\checkmark			\checkmark		\checkmark			\checkmark	Party only
Restrictions on using political data		\			\checkmark		✓				\checkmark
Mathematical formula to ensure fair maps				/						√	
Irregular boundaries only to meet other criteria				✓						\checkmark	
Count prisoners in their home communities					✓						/

*SB204 and HB877 have no criteria provisions

