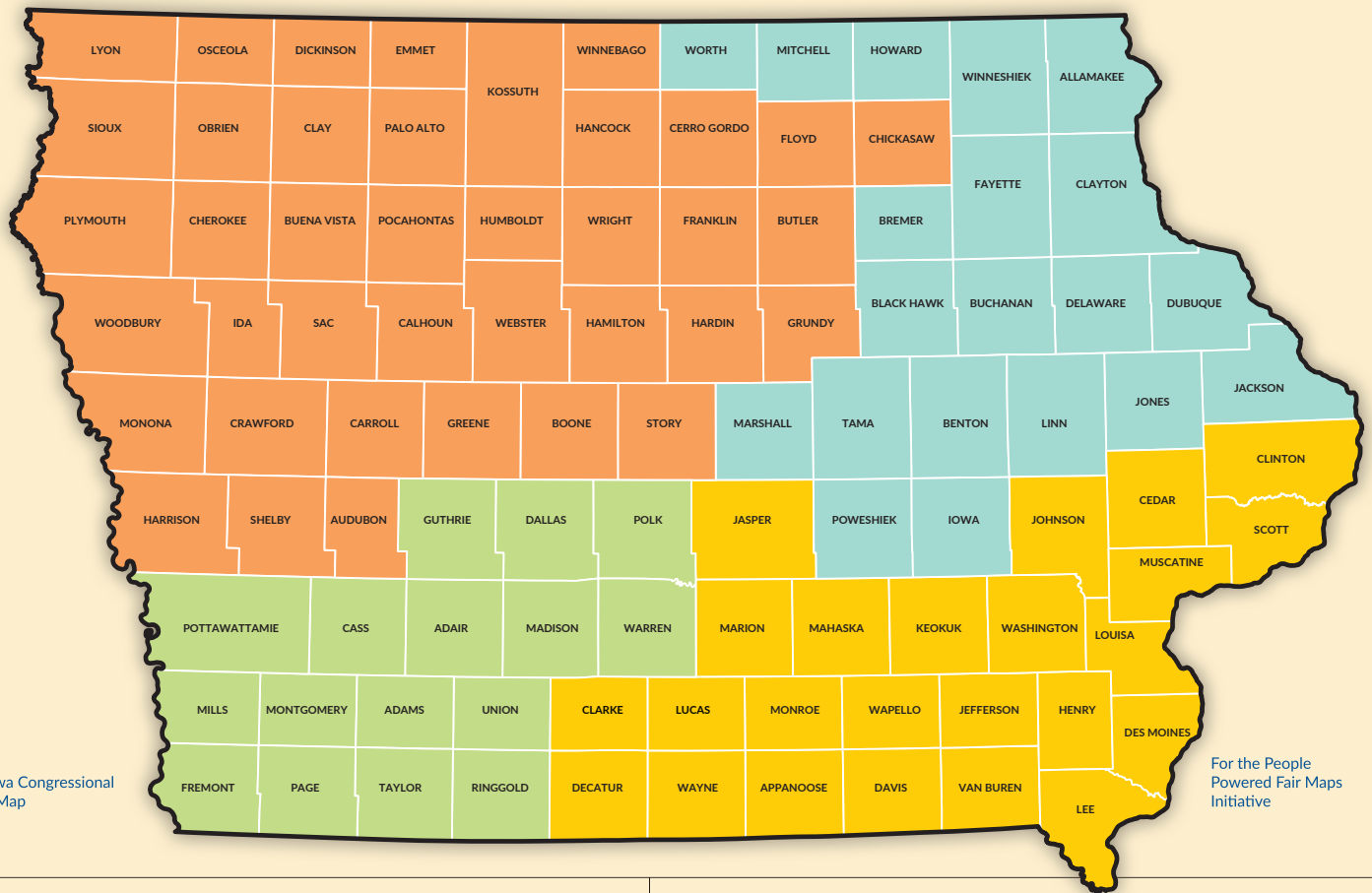


Equal Voting Districts Matter!



What is reapportionment?

An every-ten-year drawing of voting district boundaries in Iowa from which members of the US Congress and the IA Legislature are elected, also called re-districting.

Why is it done?

To preserve the “one person — one vote” principle of democracy upheld by the US Supreme Court.

Where do I learn more about Iowa's reapportionment process?

www.lwvia.org/reapportionment

What is so good about the Iowa reapportionment process?

A plan is drawn up by staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency using established directives in Iowa law (1980 HF 707), in other words a plan that must meet certain standards and measurements regarding population and district boundaries.

A plan approved by the Legislature can be challenged by any Iowa citizen if the plan is believed to be gerrymandered, that is if it favors one political party over another. The Supreme Court will then decide if “one person-one vote” has been violated in the proposed plan and, if so, create a plan that does meet the guidelines of the law (1968 Iowa Constitutional Amendment).