

PRISON GERRYMANDERING: HOW STOLEN POLITICAL POWER HARMS OUR COMMUNITIES

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Join the League of Women Voters Detroit, the Detroit Public Library, Voting Access for All, Voters Not Politicians, and a panel of experts for a community conversation about the issue of Prison Gerrymandering, and a new bill proposed to end the practice.

What is Prison Gerrymandering?

Every 10 years, a national census is taken. Each state then uses these numbers to redefine voting districts based on population shifts. Unfortunately, Michigan law currently allows the counting of incarcerated people at their place of confinement rather than in their home communities. This counting method is known as Prison Gerrymandering, and it distorts democracy. Prison gerrymandering siphons political power into less-populated rural areas where prisons are located, and away from the urban communities where people would return to.

League of Women Voters Detroit and the Detroit Public Library are partnering in talks promoting voter education and tools for action.

To register: <https://dpl-prison-gerrymandering.eventbrite.com>

A Zoom link will be sent to registrants before the program. We routinely initiate Zoom auto-transcription. If you need further accommodation for accessibility, please notify the organizer by 4:00 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, May 4. We will address your need if possible.

For more information about Prison Gerrymandering please visit <https://votingaccessforall.org/what-we-do/end-prison-gerrymandering/>

A recording will be posted on the Detroit Public Library YouTube channel and on lwwdetroit.org after the program.

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