

Proposition 8
 (Proposed Charter Review Commission Amendment 13)

Date submitted
 to Commission: **3/23/2015**

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Charter Amendment Number: 13	4/13/2015: Held to 4/27/2015 4/27/2015: Substitute Revised Held to 5/11/2015 5/11/2015 Amended & approved 11-3, Dow, Ryan, and Sobjack opposed and Mutchler absent
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Section: **Section 4.41 Districting Committee.**

Ballot Title:

Proposition No. 8: ALTERING COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to alter the requirements for composition of the Districting Commission. This measure would amend Charter Section 4.41 to include representation on the districting committee from each political party with a candidate who receives at least 15% of the vote cast in the County in the last gubernatorial primary or presidential election, with a second representative on the committee assigned to each party of which a candidate for those same elections received at least 33% of the vote. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED: _____

REJECTED: _____

Amendment:

Section 4.41 Districting Committee.

During the month of January, 1981, and by January 31 of each tenth year thereafter, a ~~five-member~~ Districting Committee shall be appointed. The County Council shall appoint ~~four persons~~ **two-one representative** from each major political party, **defined as the stated party of any candidate receiving at least 15% of the Whatcom County's vote in the most recent gubernatorial primary or presidential election. Parties receiving at least 33% of the vote in those elections will be provided a second representative on the Districting Committee. If the number of total representatives is even, the ~~four to appoint~~ appointees will select ~~a fifth~~ an additional member who shall be the Chairman. If the total number is odd, the Committee will vote for and appoint a Chair internally.** The Districting Committee shall within thirty (30) days of its appointment meet and appoint a Districting Master who shall be qualified by education, training and experience to draw a districting plan. If the Districting Committee is unable to agree upon the appointment of a Districting Master within thirty (30) days, the County Council shall appoint a Districting Master by March 31 of that year.