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BAKER v. CARR: A COMMEMORATIVE SYMPOSIUM

In its landmark decision Baker v. Carr, the Supreme Court announced that henceforth apportionment decisions would be subject to judicial scrutiny. Ignoring warnings that entering the apportionment controversy would immerse the Court in the heart of the political thicket, the decision promised a new era of fair and equal participation in the democratic process. Nearly four decades later, the Supreme Court still looks to Baker's foundation to address these same fundamental issues of democratic participation.

Commemorating the fortieth anniversary of Baker v. Carr, the Symposium revisits the case and discusses how it continues to shape America's electoral process. Symposium participants examine Baker's Political Question Doctrine and its application and relevance in the modern judicial environment. They also trace the development of the one-person, one-vote mandate stemming from Baker and evaluate its effect in our current electoral system. By examining this landmark case forty years after the Court's decision, the Symposium ultimately addresses whether Baker v. Carr has lived up to its promise.

