

# ALABAMA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**105**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**35**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity for Senate districts
- For Senate, follow county boundaries when practicable
- No multimember Senate districts
- Population for Senate districts to be as nearly equal as possible

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Completed during the first legislative session after the decennial census
- Legislative districts not to be changed until next decennial apportionment session

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**7**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
6

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# ALASKA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

40

HOUSE  
SEATS



20

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Political appointee commission (Redistricting Board)
- Five members: House and Senate majority leaders each select one; Governor selects two; Chief Justice selects one
- At least one commissioner must be from each of the four judicial districts
- Commissioners cannot be public employees or officials
- Party affiliation cannot be considered
- Must have lived in Alaska for at least a year

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- Three affirmative votes are required to approve a final map
- State superior court will review the plan if a qualified voter petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Preserve communities of interest, as defined by the constitution
- Nest House districts in Senate districts
- Follow geographic boundaries
- Single-member districts

#### Public Hearings

- Required, but details not specified

#### Timing

- Draft plans must be adopted 30 days after the official reporting of census data or 30 days after the commission is appointed, whichever is later
- A final plan must be adopted 90 days after the commission has been appointed and after official reporting of census data
- Districts are effective until after reporting of next decennial census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1

SEAT



Alaska has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

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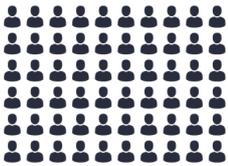
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# ARIZONA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 60

## HOUSE SEATS



# 30

## SENATE SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION

- Five members: Commission on appellate court appointments nominates 25 people (10 from each major party, five from neither major party); House and Senate majority and minority leaders each select one commissioner; those four commissioners select one tiebreaker not registered with the party of any of the four commissioners; or if they fail to do so, the commission on appellate court appointments appoints the fifth member
- No more than two commissioners may be from the same party
- No more than two of the first four commissioners may reside in the same county
- Commissioners can't have held, or been a candidate for, public office (except school board) within three years prior to appointment
- Commissioners must not have served as officers of a political party, as paid registered lobbyists, or as officers of a candidate's campaign committee within three years prior to appointment
- Commissioners must be registered Arizona voters who have been continuously registered with the same political party or registered as unaffiliated with a political party for three or more years immediately preceding appointment

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Independent Commission draws the lines
- Draft maps are open to the public for a comment period of at least 30 days
- Three affirmative votes are required to approve a final map

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Nest House districts in Senate districts
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Preserve communities of interest
- Follow geographic, municipal, county, and census tract boundaries
- Favor competitive districts, except when doing so would create significant detriment to the other criteria
- Party registration and voting history data excluded from initial mapping phase but may be used to test compliance with criteria
- Cannot consider places of residence of incumbents or candidates



**Public Hearings**

- No redistricting-specific provisions, but there is a 30-day public-comment period
- All meetings at which business is conducted must be open to the public, with at least 48 hours' notice

**Timing**

- No deadline

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

9

SEATS



(through 2020).  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
10

**Process**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**State-Level Criteria**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**Timing**

- No deadline

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# ARKANSAS

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**35**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICIAN COMMISSION

- Three members: governor, secretary of state, attorney general

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Politician commission draws the lines
- Governor can't veto the plan
- State Supreme Court will review or revise the plan if a citizen petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for Senate
- Follow county boundaries when practicable for Senate
- No specific criteria for House districts

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific requirements

#### Timing

- By Feb. 1 following each census
- Districts become effective 30 days from the filing date, unless proceedings for revision are initiated in the Supreme Court



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**4**  
SEATS  


through 2020. Projected  
after reapportionment:  
No change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

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| <b>Process</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State legislature draws the lines</li><li>• Governor can veto the plan</li></ul> |
| <b>State-Level Criteria</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>   |
| <b>Timing</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>   |

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# CALIFORNIA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

80

HOUSE  
SEATS



40

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION

- Fourteen members: Five registered with each two major parties, four registered with neither major party, eight chosen by state auditor panel with input from legislative majority and minority leaders, six chosen by those initial eight
- Commission should be “independent from legislative influence and reasonably representative of [the] State’s diversity”
- Commissioners must have been registered to vote in California with the same political party (or unaffiliated) for five years prior to appointment. Commissioners must have voted in two of the last three statewide general elections prior to appointment
- Commissioners may not be appointed as officials or candidates of a political party, employees, or consultants of a political campaign for 10 years from appointment
- Commissioners must not have served or been a candidate for federal or state office; worked for a political party or campaign committee; been a registered lobbyist; been paid congressional, legislative, or board of equalization staff; or contributed a large amount of money to a political campaign
- Commissioners must not be staff, consultants, or contractors for state or federal government

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Independent commission draws the lines
- Nine affirmative votes are required to approve a final map (three from each of the two major political parties and three unaffiliated members)
- Final maps may be subject to referendum
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a registered voter petitions or will draw its own map if the commission fails to approve one

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries and preserve communities of interest to the extent possible
- Compactness to the extent practicable
- Nest two House districts within each Senate district to the extent practicable
- Can’t consider incumbent or candidate residences
- Can’t draw districts with the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a candidate, incumbent, or party



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**Public Hearings**

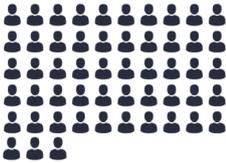
- The commission shall comply with open meetings laws and must provide 14 days' public notice for hearings

**Timing**

- Final maps approved by Aug. 15 of the year ending in 1

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

**53**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
53 or 54

**Process**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**State-Level Criteria**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**Timing**

- Same as for state legislative districts

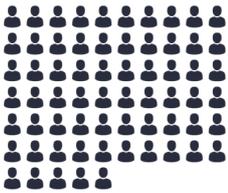
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# COLORADO

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

65

HOUSE  
SEATS



35

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

- Twelve members: Four registered with each of the two major parties and four registered with neither major party; six commissioners randomly chosen by judicial panel; four commissioners chosen from a pool created by each majority and minority legislative leader; two more unaffiliated commissioners randomly chosen by judicial panel
- Of the first six randomly-selected commissioners, two must be affiliated with the majority political party, two with the minority party, and two unaffiliated with any political party
- Commissioners must be registered voters who voted in the previous two general elections
- Commissioners must have been affiliated with the same political party or unaffiliated with any political party for a minimum of five consecutive years prior to their appointment
- Commissioners may not have been candidates for federal elective office within the last five years and may not serve on Colorado's state legislative redistricting commission
- Commissioners may not have been compensated by elected officials or campaign committees for offices above the precinct level, or been professional lobbyists for three years prior to their appointment

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Commission's non-partisan staff draws the lines
- Eight affirmative votes are required to approve a final map (at least one must be unaffiliated with the two major parties)
- State Supreme Court automatically reviews the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Overall range of no more than 5 percent between most- and least-populous districts
- Contiguity
- Preserve communities of interest and political subdivisions
- Compactness
- Maximize number of competitive districts after adhering to other criteria
- Can't draw maps to protect incumbent members, candidates, or any political party
- Can't draw maps to harm the right of any citizen to vote or ability of a racial or language minority group's electoral influence

#### Public Hearings

- At least three public hearings in each congressional district, including at least one west of the continental divide, one east of the continental divide, and one south of El Paso County or east of Arapahoe County



### Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by September 15 in years ending in 1
- State Supreme Court must approve the plan by November 15, or approve a revised plan by December 29

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**7**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
8

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

- Same commissioner selection process as for state legislative district commission

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by September 1 in years ending in 1
- State Supreme Court must approve the plan by November 1 or approve a revised plan by December 15

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# CONNECTICUT

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**151**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**36**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

ADVISORY COMMISSION (Reapportionment Committee) *or* BACKUP COMMISSION *or* STATE SUPREME COURT

- Advisory commission: Eight legislator-members with House and Senate majority and minority leaders each selecting two
- Backup commission: Nine members, with House and Senate majority and minority leaders each selecting two (not necessarily legislators) who, within 30 days, select an elector of Connecticut as a ninth member

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Legislature must adopt the advisory commission's recommendation by a two-thirds vote of each house, not subject to veto by governor
- If legislature fails to adopt plan by the deadline, the backup commission is convened and must adopt plan with the approval of five members by Nov. 30
- If backup commission fails to adopt plan by the deadline, the state Supreme Court can compel the backup commission to adopt a plan or adopt its own plan
- State Supreme Court may also review any plan upon petition of any registered voter

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for Senate
- For House, follow town boundaries when practicable

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by Sept. 15 in the year following the census
- A backup commission must adopt a plan by Nov. 30 in the year following the appointment of its members
- A final decision on districts must be made by the court, if necessary, 45 days after the petition is filed or file a plan with the secretary of state by Feb. 15



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

5

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- None

### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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# DELAWARE

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

41

HOUSE  
SEATS



21

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity
- Follow major roads, streams, and other natural boundaries
- No undue favoritism toward any person or party

#### Public Hearings

- Not required

#### Timing

- Final plans must be adopted by June 30, 2021, and every 10 years thereafter

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1

SEAT



Delaware has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change.

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# FLORIDA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**120**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**40**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* STATE SUPREME COURT

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- If the legislature fails to pass a plan in its regular session in the second year following the census, or in a special session after that, the state Supreme Court adopts a plan
- Governor cannot veto the plan
- State Supreme Court reviews plans passed by the Legislature
- If the state Supreme Court invalidates the Legislature's plan, the Legislature passes a revised plan in an extraordinary session
- If the Legislature fails to pass a revised plan or the Supreme Court rejects it, the Supreme Court adopts a plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Contiguity
- No favoritism toward incumbent or party
- Districts cannot be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of choice
- Compactness
- Follow political and geographical boundaries when feasible

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Final plan must be adopted during the second year following the census



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

# 27

## SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 29

### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

### Timing

- No deadline

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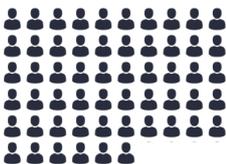
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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**180**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**56**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity
- Permits mid-decade redistricting

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting specific provisions

#### Timing

- No deadline but districts to be changed "as necessary" after each decennial census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**14**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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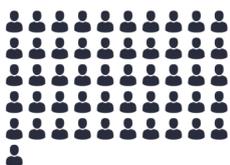


# HAWAII

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 51

HOUSE  
SEATS



# 25

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Nine members: House and Senate majority and minority leaders each select two. Those initial eight select the ninth member by a six-eighths vote

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- Simple majority required to pass a plan
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a registered voter petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Follow boundaries of basic island units
- No undue favoritism toward a person or political faction
- Contiguity except when districts include more than one island
- Compactness
- Follow census tract and geographic boundaries where possible
- Nest House districts in Senate districts where practicable
- No more than four members per district
- Preserve communities of socioeconomic interest where practicable

#### Public Hearings

- At least one hearing in each basic island unit after initial maps are proposed

#### Timing

- The commission must file its plans within 150 days of commission members being selected (which must happen by May 1 in years ending in 1)

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

# 2

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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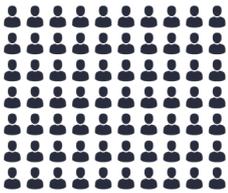
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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 70

## HOUSE SEATS



# 35

## SENATE SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Six members: House and Senate majority and minority leaders each select one; state chairs of two major parties each select one. Appointing authorities should consider geographic representation
- Commissioners must be registered Idaho voters
- Commissioners can't have been lobbyists within one year prior to appointment
- Commissioners can't have been elected officials or political party officers within two years prior to appointment

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- Maps must be approved by two-thirds of the commission
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if any city, county, or registered voter petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity
- Follow county and precinct boundaries when practicable
- Preserve neighborhoods and communities of interest when possible
- Avoid oddly shaped districts when possible
- Counties cannot be divided to protect an incumbent or party
- Counties or portions of counties that make up a district must be connected by state or federal highways

#### Public Hearings

- Commission meetings are open to the public and must be held in different areas of the state

#### Timing

- Draft plan must be filed within 90 days after the commission is appointed, or when the census data is available, whichever is later
- Districts are effective until a new plan is filed following the next federal census or a court order



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

2

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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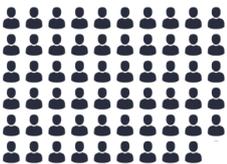
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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**118**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**59**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

- Eight members (nine in case of tie): House and Senate majority and minority leaders each select one legislator and one non-legislator; tiebreaker chosen if necessary by randomly drawing one of two people (not of the same party) submitted by state Supreme Court; no more than four commissioners (five in case of tie) may be from the same party

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- If no plan is adopted by June 30, the eight-member backup commission adopts a plan, not subject to governor's veto
- If eight-member commission fails to adopt plan, tiebreaking commissioner is selected and nine-member commission attempts to adopt a plan, not subject to governor's veto
- State Supreme Court hears redistricting lawsuits, which are filed by the state attorney general

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Nest House districts in Senate districts
- Create crossover, coalition, or influence districts to allow racial or language minority communities to elect or influence the election of candidates of their choice

#### Public Hearings

- At least one hearing in each of the four geographic regions of the state before the legislature adopts a plan

#### Timing

- Each year following a federal decennial census
- Legislature's plan must be effective by June 30
- Eight-member backup commission's plan must be adopted by Aug. 10
- Nine-member backup commission's plan must be adopted by Oct. 5



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

18  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 17

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

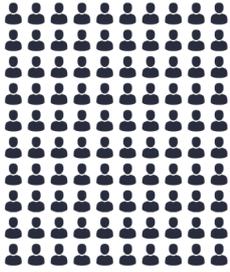
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| <b>Process</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Legislature draws the lines</li><li>• Governor can veto the plan</li></ul> |
| <b>State-Level Criteria</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contiguity</li><li>• Compactness</li></ul>                                       |
| <b>Timing</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No deadline</li></ul>  |

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# INDIANA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**50**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Legislature elected during the year a federal decennial census is taken must redistrict



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

9

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- If Legislature fails to adopt plan in its legislative session, the backup commission draws the lines, not subject to veto by governor
- Plan is effective until changed by statute

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- Legislature must adopt plan during its first session after the decennial census
- If the backup commission is established, it must adopt a plan within 30 days after the legislature's session

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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**50**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY *and*  
ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Five members: Senate and House majority and minority leaders each select one, those four select the fifth member
- Commissioners must be eligible Iowa voters
- Commissioners cannot hold partisan public office or political party office
- Commissioners cannot be relatives or employees of members of the Legislature or Congress

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Legislative Services Agency draws the lines and consults advisory commission when decisions must be made for which there are no applicable guidelines
- State Legislature approves the plan
- Governor can veto the plan
- State Supreme Court reviews the plan if a qualified voter petitions
- If the Legislature fails to adopt a plan by Sept. 15, the state Supreme Court draws the lines

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness, as defined by statute
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries
- No favoritism toward person, party, or group
- No augmenting or diluting minority group voting strength
- Nest House districts in Senate districts

#### Public Hearings

- Advisory commission must hold three public hearings in different regions

#### Timing

- Legislative Services Agency submits final plans to the legislature by April 1 in years ending in 1
- Advisory commission submits a report summarizing findings from the public hearings to the legislature no more than fourteen days after the legislative services agency submits the plans
- Legislature votes on plans expeditiously and must adopt a plan by September 1
- If the Legislature fails to adopt a plan by September 15, the state Supreme Court adopts a plan by December 31



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**4**  
SEATS  


through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- Follow political boundaries
- Contiguity
- Compactness, as defined by statute
- No favoritism toward person, party, or group
- No augmenting or diluting minority group voting strength

### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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# KANSAS

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**125**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**40**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- State Supreme Court automatically reviews the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Exclude nonresident military personnel and nonresident college students from the population base
- Single-member districts

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting specific provisions

#### Timing

- Legislature's plan must be adopted during its regular session in years ending in 2

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**4**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# KENTUCKY

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**38**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- Court challenges to legislative redistricting must be brought in Franklin Circuit Court

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Follow county boundaries
- Contiguity
- No more than two counties to form a house district

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting specific provisions

#### Timing

- No deadline but must be done every 10 years

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**6**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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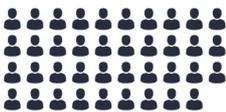
# LOUISIANA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**105**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**39**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- If the Legislature fails to pass a plan, the state Supreme Court draws its own plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Single-member districts

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Final plans must be adopted by the end of the year, after the year in which the U.S. Census Bureau reports the state's population

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**6**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# MAINE

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**151**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**35**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Senate majority and minority leaders each select two; House majority and minority leaders each select three; state chairs of the two major parties each select one; the two groups of six commissioners from each party each select one member of the public to be a commissioner; those two “public commissioners” select one tiebreaker
- Advisory Commission to be established within three days of the Legislature convening in years ending in 1
- Constitution sets minimum number of senators at 31 and the maximum at 35; number must be odd

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Advisory commission draws the lines
- State Legislature approves the commission’s plan, or its own plan, by a two-thirds vote of each house
- Governor can veto the plan but a subsequent vote of two-thirds of the House and Senate of the state Legislature can enact the plan with the force of law
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a citizen petitions, and makes its own reapportionment if the challenge succeeds
- If the Legislature fails to pass a plan, the state Supreme Court will make the apportionment

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness for House and Senate
- Contiguity for House and Senate
- Follow political boundaries for House and Senate
- Give weight to communities of interest
- Population base: citizen population for House and Senate
- Single-member districts for house

#### Public Hearings

- Not required

#### Timing

- Advisory commission must submit its final plan by June 1 in years ending in 1
- State Legislature must approve a plan by June 11
- State Supreme Court must adopt a plan within 60 days of the legislative deadline if the Legislature fails to approve a map



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

2

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries when practicable

### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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# MARYLAND

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**141**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**47**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

GOVERNOR *or* STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Governor presents a plan to the Legislature
- State Legislature then adopts the governor's plan or its own plan
- Governor can't veto the plan
- If no plan is adopted by the 45th day of the regular session of the Legislature, the governor's plan becomes law
- Any registered voter may petition the State Court of Appeals to review the legislative districting of the state

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Nest districts electing three House members within each Senate district
- Single-member districts for Senate
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Give due regard to natural and political boundaries

#### Public Hearings

- Required before the governor prepares a plan

#### Timing

- Governor must present his plan to the legislature by the first day of the regular legislative session in the second year following the decennial census
- Legislature must adopt a plan by the 45th day of the legislative session. If no plan is adopted by that day, the governor's plan becomes law



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**8**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# MASSACHUSETTS

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**160**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**40**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a registered voter petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for House and Senate
- Follow political boundaries for House and Senate
- Single-member districts for Senate

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting specific provisions

#### Timing

- Plan must be adopted during the first session after the federal census for the House and Senate
- Plan is effective for 10 years

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**9**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- State Supreme Court has jurisdiction to hear lawsuits concerning congressional districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# MICHIGAN

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**110**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**38**  
SENATE  
SEATS



## WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

### INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

- Thirteen members: Four affiliated with the Democratic Party, four affiliated with the Republican Party, and five unaffiliated or affiliated with a minor party
- Commissioners are chosen randomly from qualified applicant pools after legislative majority and minority leaders have each stricken up to five qualified applicants
- Qualified applicant pools are determined by partisan affiliation and at least half of each pool must consist of applicants who responded to mailings sent by the Secretary of State to random registered voters
- Commissioners must be registered voters
- Commissioners may not have been candidates, elected officials, employees, or consultants of a governing body at the national, state, or local level, registered lobbyists or employees of a registered lobbyist, or unclassified state employees for six years prior to their appointment
- Commissioners may not be parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, or spouses of any disqualified individuals
- Commissioners may not be individuals disqualified for appointed or elected office by the state constitution
- Commissioners are ineligible from holding partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level five years after serving on the commission

## HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

### Process

- Independent redistricting commission draws the lines
- Eight affirmative votes are required to approve a final map (at least two from each of the two major political parties and two unaffiliated members)
- If no majority vote, commissioners will rank each proposed plan, and the commission will adopt the highest-ranked plan that is also ranked among the top half of plans by at least two commissioners not affiliated with the party of the commissioner submitting the plan
- If there is a tie, the Secretary of State will randomly select a proposed plan

### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Contiguity
- Reflect state's diversity and respect communities of interest
- Can't draw districts with a disproportionate advantage to any political party (using accepted measures of partisan fairness)
- Can't draw districts with the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a candidate or incumbent
- Reflect county, city, and township boundaries
- Compactness



**Public Hearings**

- At least ten public hearings throughout the state before the drafting process begins
- At least five public hearings throughout the state for comment on proposed plans

**Timing**

- Final plan must be adopted by November 1

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

14

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 13

**Process**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**State-Level Criteria**

- Same as for state legislative districts

**Timing**

- Same as for state legislative districts

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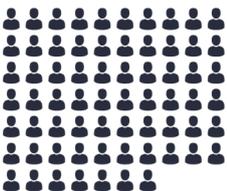
# MINNESOTA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**134**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**67**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity for Senate
- Nest House districts in Senate districts

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Districts may be drawn in the first legislative session after the federal decennial census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**8**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 7

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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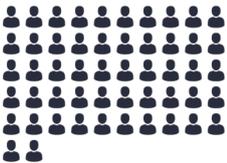
# MISSISSIPPI

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**122**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**52**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

- Five members: chief justice, attorney general, secretary of state, House and Senate majority leaders

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature convenes a joint committee composed of:
  - » Chairman and vice chairman of the House Apportionment and Elections Committee
  - » Chairman and vice chairman of the Senate Elections Committee
  - » Ten members of the House of Representatives, two from each congressional district, appointed by the speaker of the House
  - » Ten members of the Senate, two from each congressional district, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- Committee draws a plan to apportion the state
- Committee presents a plan to the state Legislature, which can adopt its own plan
- If no plan is adopted by the end of the state legislative session, or during a 30-day special apportionment session to be convened within 30 days following the end of the regular session, a backup commission draws the lines, not subject to veto by the governor
- Permits mid-decade redistricting

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries

#### Public Hearing

- No redistricting specific provisions



### Timing

- Joint legislative committee submits plan to the Legislature no later than 15 days before the scheduled adjournment of the regular session of the Legislature following delivery of the federal decennial census data
- Legislative committee submits recommendations to the Legislature no later than 45th day of the legislative session
- Final plan adopted by the end of the regular session in years ending in 2

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**4**  
SEATS  


through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- None

### Timing

- Legislative committee submits recommendation to the Legislature no later than 30 days before the next regular session of the Legislature after the results of the federal decennial census are published

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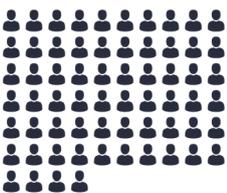
# MISSOURI

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**163**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**34**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### HOUSE POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION *and* SENATE POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

For House districts, political appointee commission

- Sixteen members: each major party nominates two members per congressional district; governor chooses one of the nominees per party per congressional district
- No more than one commissioner from each state legislative district may be nominated by each party
- If the parties fail to nominate members, the governor selects members from the party from the unrepresented district

For Senate districts, political appointee commission

- Ten members: each major party nominates 10 members; governor chooses five of the nominees from each party
- If the parties fail to nominate members, the governor selects members from the party

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Non-partisan state demographer draws the lines
- Commission may only make changes to the plan with 70 percent approval, otherwise plan becomes final
- Governor cannot veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Can't draw districts with the intent or effect of harming the ability of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or electing representatives of choice
- Partisan fairness
- Competitiveness
- Minimize the difference between the two majority parties' total wasted votes as much as possible
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries
- Compactness

#### Public Hearings

- At least three public hearings



### Timing

- Non-partisan state demographer must file a tentative plan with secretary of state and political appointee commissions no later than six months after the decennial census is reported
- Political appointee commissions must adopt a plan no later than two months after receiving the tentative plan
- If political appointee commissions do not adopt a plan by the deadline, the tentative plan becomes final

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- As nearly equal in population as possible

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# MONTANA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**50**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- House and Senate majority and minority leaders each select one member; those four commissioners select a fifth member to serve as chairperson
  - » If the four initial members fail to select a chairperson within 20 days of their designation, then the chairperson will be selected by a majority of the state Supreme Court
- Two commissioners must be from an enumerated list of western counties and the other two commissioners must be from an enumerated list of the central and eastern counties
- Commissioners can't be public officials
- Commissioners must be citizens

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines. The commission must submit the plan to the Legislature, which shall return the plan to the commission with recommendations within 30 days
- A simple majority of commissioners is required to approve a final map, which must be submitted to the secretary of state
- Governor cannot veto

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Districts must comply with the following criteria, which are ranked in order of importance by statute:
  - » Population of each district may not deviate more than 1 percent from ideal, except to keep political boundaries intact
  - » Follow political boundaries to the greatest extent possible
  - » Contiguity
  - » Compactness; a district may not be drawn with "an average length greater than three times the average width unless necessary to comply with the [federal] Voting Rights Act"
- Can't favor a political party or incumbent; use of incumbent addresses, voter registration data, voter lists, or previous election results is prohibited
- Nest House districts within Senate districts



### Public Hearings

- Commission must hold at least one public hearing before it submits a plan to the Legislature

### Timing

- Commission must file its plan with the Legislature by the 10th day of the first legislative session after the appointment of the commission or after the census data becomes available
- The Legislature must return the plan with its own recommendations to the commission within 30 days of receiving it
- Commission must file its final plans with the secretary of state 30 days after the commission receives recommendations from the Legislature

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1  
SEAT  
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Montana has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: 1 or 2

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- Districts to be “established on the basis of population”
- Cannot favor a political party or incumbent; use of incumbent addresses, voter registration data, voter lists, or previous election results is prohibited

### Public Hearings

- Same as for state legislative districts

### Timing

- Commission must file its final plan with the secretary of state within 90 days after census data becomes available

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# NEBRASKA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

49

HOUSE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE (special Redistricting Committee)

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow county boundaries when practicable

#### Public Hearings

- Redistricting plans are made available to the public, and the committee must host at least one public hearing in each congressional district

#### Timing

- No deadline, but Legislature shall redistrict after each federal decennial census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

3

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# NEVADA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

42

HOUSE  
SEATS



21

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Plans must be adopted during the first legislative session after the decennial census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

4

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**400**  
HOUSE  
SEATS

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**24**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines for the House
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for the House
- Single-member districts for Senate
- Follow town, ward, and place boundaries for House except where a town, ward, or unincorporated place requests division by referendum for House and Senate

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Legislature must apportion at the regular session following each decennial federal census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**2**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# NEW JERSEY

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 80

HOUSE  
SEATS



# 40

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Ten members: The state chairs of the two largest parties each appoint five members; tiebreaker chosen if necessary by chief justice
- Geographical diversity must be given “due consideration”
- If the commission is unable to establish an apportionment plan, then the chief justice of the state Supreme Court shall appoint an 11th member to the commission

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- A simple majority is required to approve a final map

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness for Assembly
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries
- Nest Assembly districts within Senate districts
- Two-member districts for Assembly

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Final plan must be completed within one month of official census data reporting or by Feb. 1, in the year following the census, whichever is later
- If the commission is unable to adopt a plan by the deadline, a final plan must be completed one month after the chief justice’s appointment of a tiebreaking member



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

12  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- House and Senate majority and minority leaders and the state chairs of the two largest parties each select two commissioners; those 12 commissioners select a chairperson by majority vote
- If the 12 commissioners are unable to select the 13th independent member, then the commissioners must certify the two potential members with the highest number of votes to the state Supreme Court, which will then appoint the “more qualified” of the two
- Commissioners must be selected with “due consideration to geographic, ethnic and racial diversity” and may not be a member or employee of the U.S. Congress
- The chairperson must have resided in the state for at least the last five years and may not have held public or party office during those five years

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- A simple majority is required to approve a final map
- If the commission is unable to pass a single plan, then the two plans receiving the most votes (at least five each) are submitted to the state Supreme Court, which will choose the plan that best conforms to the state constitution and federal laws
- State Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction over lawsuits regarding congressional redistricting

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Public Hearing

- Must hold at least three public hearings in different parts of the state
- Final vote on the plan must be done by roll call in an open public meeting held with at least 24 hours’ notice

#### Timing

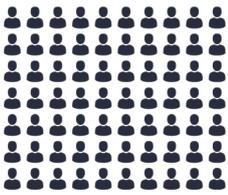
- Commission must adopt a plan by the third Tuesday of years ending in 2, or within three months after official census data reporting, whichever is later
- Districts can’t be changed before the next census

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# NEW MEXICO

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**70**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**42**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

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| <b>Process</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Legislature draws the lines</li><li>• Governor can veto the plan</li></ul>     |
| <b>State-Level Criteria</b><br>Ranked: No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compactness for House and Senate</li><li>• Contiguity for House and Senate</li></ul> |
| <b>Public Hearings</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No redistricting-specific provisions</li></ul>                                       |
| <b>Timing</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No deadline</li><li>• Legislature may reapportion only once per decade</li></ul>     |

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**3**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

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| <b>Process</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same as for state legislative districts</li></ul> |
| <b>State-Level Criteria</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>                                    |
| <b>Timing</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No deadline</li></ul>                             |

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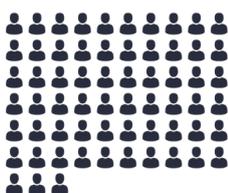
# NEW YORK

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**150**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**63**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### ADVISORY COMMISSION

Effective 2021:

- Senate and Assembly majority and minority leadership each appoint two members; the first eight members select, by majority vote, the final two commissioners, who cannot have been affiliated with either major party in the last five years
- Within three years prior to appointment, commissioners cannot have been a (1) state legislator, (2) member of Congress, (3) statewide elected official, (4) state officer, employee, or legislative employee, (5) registered lobbyist in New York, or (6) political party chair
- Within three years prior to appointment, commissioners' spouses cannot have been a (1) state legislator, (2) member of Congress, or (3) statewide elected official
- To extent practicable, commissioners shall reflect the diversity of the state regarding race, ethnicity, gender, language, and geographic residence
- To extent practicable, the appointing authorities must consult with organizations devoted to protecting the voting rights of minority and other voters concerning potential appointees to the commission

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

Effective 2021:

- Advisory commission draws the lines
  - » Plan must have the support of at least seven members
  - » If the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of the same political party, then at least one commissioner appointed by each legislative leader must support the plan
  - » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties, then at least one commissioner appointed by the speaker and temporary president must support the plan
  - » If no plan gets seven votes or the required commissioners' support by the deadline, then the plan that received the most votes is submitted to the Legislature
- State Legislature votes on the plan without amendment; if the plan fails to pass or if the governor vetoes it, then the commission submits a second plan
- If the second plan also fails to pass or is vetoed, then the Legislature draws the lines according to the regular legislative process
- For the Legislature to pass the commission's submitted plan, the votes must meet certain thresholds depending on which parties control the Legislature and how much support the plan received in the advisory commission:

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- » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties and the commission passed its plan with seven votes and the required support of the speaker's and temporary president's appointees, then a simple majority of each house is required
- » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties and the commission passed its plan with less than seven votes or without the required support of the speaker's and temporary president's appointees, then 60 percent of each House is required
- If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of the same political party, then two-thirds of each house is required (regardless of how the advisory commission voted)
- Governor can veto the plan

## State-Level Criteria Ranked: No

- Effective 2021:
- Districts may not purposefully or effectively abridge voting rights of racial or language minorities
  - Contiguity
  - Compactness
  - Cannot discourage competition or favor incumbents, candidates, or parties
  - Preserve cores of existing districts and communities of interest
  - Follow political boundaries
  - Single-member districts for Assembly

## Public Hearings

- Effective 2021:
- Must conduct at least one hearing in the cities of Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and White Plains and in Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, and Suffolk counties

## Timing

- Effective 2021:
- Commission's draft plans must be made available to the public by Sept. 15 in years ending in 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter
  - Commission must submit plan to the Legislature by Jan. 15 in years ending in 2
  - If the commission's first submitted plan fails, the commission must submit a second plan by Feb. 28 in years ending in 2

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**27**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 26

## Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

## State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

## Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

# NORTH CAROLINA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**120**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**50**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor cannot veto the plan
- In the event a redistricting plan or portion thereof is found unlawful, the state Legislature must be given at least two weeks to remedy any defects before the court may impose any interim plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for Senate
- As equal in population "as nearly may be" for Senate and House
- Follow county boundaries for Senate and House "except to the extent necessary to comply with federal law"

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Plans must be drawn during the first legislative session following the census and shall not be amended until the next census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**13**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 14

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor cannot veto the plan
- If neither the Legislature nor Congress reapportion congressional districts after a change in the number of representatives apportioned to the state, then:
  - » If increased, then all districts remain and additional seat is elected at large by all qualified voters in the state
  - » If decreased, then all districts are dissolved and all seats are elected at large by all qualified voters in the state

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

94

HOUSE  
SEATS



47

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor cannot veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- As equal in population as practicable
- Nest House districts within Senate districts

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Previous district plans expire at the adjournment of the first regular session after each census but may be changed in the interim period

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1

SEAT



North Dakota has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 99

## HOUSE SEATS



# 33

## SENATE SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICIAN APPOINTEE COMMISSION

Effective 2021:

- Political appointee commission (Ohio Redistricting Commission)
- Governor, state auditor, secretary of state, legislative majority and minority leaders each select one member

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

Effective 2021:

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- At least four commissioners, including two from each party, must vote to approve a district plan
- If a final plan has not been adopted by Sept. 1, then a proposed plan shall be introduced on that date, a public hearing shall be held during which amendments may be proposed, then a final plan shall be adopted before Sept. 15 of that year
- If at least four commissioners, including two from each party, approve the plan, it is put in place for 10 years
- If at least four commissioners, without bipartisan support, approve the plan, it is put in place for four years
- Governor cannot veto the plan
- State Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction over redistricting plans

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

Effective 2021:

- Contiguity for House
- Compactness
- District boundaries shall be created using boundaries of counties, municipalities, and townships
- Where feasible, House districts shall not split a county more than once
- District population shall not vary more than 5 percent from ratio of representation
- Shall not be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party
- Statewide proportional seat share of political parties should "correspond closely" to statewide election results
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- State Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in cases arising under Ohio Constitution relating to reapportionment

#### Public Hearings

Effective 2021:

- Must hold at least three public hearings before final plans are published



## Timing

Effective 2021:

- Final plan must be adopted by Sept. 1 in a year ending in 1
- If a final plan has not been adopted by Sept. 1, then a proposed plan shall be introduced on that date, a public hearing shall be held during which amendments may be proposed, then a final plan shall be adopted before Sept. 15 of that year
  - » If a final plan is adopted via this backup procedure, then a new district plan shall be adopted by a reconvened commission after July 1 of the year following the year the commission ceased to be active

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

16  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after the  
reapportionment: 15

## WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

Effective 2021:

- Legislature or Backup Commission
- Political appointee commission that draws Ohio's legislative districts (see above) serves as the backup commission

## HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

### Process

Effective 2021

- Legislature draws the lines
  - » At least 60 percent of both the state House and Senate must approve the plan with the support of at least half of the members of each major political party in each chamber
  - » A plan passed with these margins becomes law and cannot be changed until after the following census
  - » The Legislature has until Sept. 30 to pass a plan
- Backup commission draws the lines
  - » If the Legislature does not pass a plan by Sept. 30 with the required support, the backup commission draws the lines
  - » At least four commissioners, including two from each party, must vote to approve a district plan
  - » A plan passed with these margins becomes law and cannot be changed until after the following census
  - » The backup commission has until Oct. 31 to pass a plan
- Legislature draws the lines (second attempt)
  - » If the backup commission does not pass a plan by Oct. 31 with the required support, the Legislature takes a second attempt at drawing the lines
  - » A plan that is approved by 60 percent of both the state House and Senate including the support of at least one-third of the members of each major political party becomes law and cannot be changed until after the following census

- » A plan that is approved by a simple majority or insufficient bipartisan support becomes law for four years after which the redistricting process repeats and is subject to a partisan fairness provision
- » The Legislature has until Nov. 30 to pass a plan in its second attempt
- Governor can veto the plan if it is passed by the Legislature
- State Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction over redistricting plans

**State-Level  
Criteria**  
Ranked: No

Effective 2021:

- Contiguity
- Compactness
- 65 counties must be kept whole, 18 counties may be split once, 5 counties may be split twice, and other specific rules regarding the splitting of counties
- If the map passed with less than 60 percent support in each chamber or less than one-third support from both major parties in each chamber, then the plan may not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents

**Public  
Hearings**

Effective 2021:

- Legislature and backup commission shall allow for the submission of proposed plans for consideration
- A joint committee of the Legislature and the backup commission must hold at least two public committee hearings concerning a proposed plan prior to passage

**Timing**

Effective 2021:

- Legislature has until Sept. 30 to pass a plan before backup commission attempts to pass a plan
- Backup commission has until Oct. 31 to pass a plan before Legislature gets second attempt to pass a plan
- Legislature has until Nov. 30 for its second attempt to pass a plan

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# OKLAHOMA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**101**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**48**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

- Three Democrats and three Republicans, one of each to be appointed by the governor, House speaker, and Senate president pro tem. The lieutenant governor serves as a non-voting chair of the commission

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto
- If state Legislature does not adopt a plan within the first 90 days of the state legislative session, then the backup commission draws the lines by simple majority vote, not subject to veto by governor
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a qualified elector petitions and sets forth an alternative reapportionment

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness to extent feasible for Senate
- Contiguity to extent feasible for Senate
- Follow political boundaries to extent feasible for Senate
- Consider economic and political interests and historical precedents to extent feasible for Senate
- No specific criteria for House districts

#### Public Hearings

- Not required

#### Timing

- Final reapportionment plan must be adopted by Legislature within 90 days of the first legislative session following the census or the Backup Commission shall be tasked with reapportionment



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

5

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

### State-Level Criteria

- None

### Timing

- No deadline

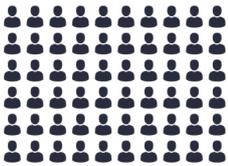
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# OREGON

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

# 60

HOUSE  
SEATS



# 30

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* SECRETARY OF STATE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan if passed by the Legislature
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a qualified elector petitions
- If the Legislature fails to pass a plan by the deadline or if the state Supreme Court holds that the submitted plan is unlawful, then the secretary of state will reapportion the districts
- The secretary of state must submit this plan to the state Supreme Court for approval; the Supreme Court may amend the plan to bring it into compliance with state constitutional requirements
- Secretary of state plan is not subject to governor's veto

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity
- Must be connected by transportation links to extent practicable
- Follow political and geographic boundaries to extent practicable
- Preserve communities of interest to extent practicable
- No purposeful favoritism toward person or party
- No purposeful diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- Substantially equal populations within each district

#### Public Hearings

- State Legislature must hold at least 10 public hearings throughout the state before proposing a draft plan. At least one hearing must be held in each congressional district and one hearing in areas that have experienced the largest shifts in population since the last apportionment.
- To the extent practicable, the Legislature or secretary of state (whichever entity is drafting the reapportionment plan) shall hold five public hearings on the draft plan before it is adopted either in five different congressional districts of the state or with the use of video technology



## Timing

- Final plans must be adopted by July 1 in the odd-numbered year following the census
- Secretary of state will draw district lines if the Legislature fails to do so by that deadline or if, upon review by the state Supreme Court, the legislative reapportionment is found to be unlawful
- If due to state Supreme Court finding of unlawfulness of legislative plan, secretary of state plans are to be filed with the state Supreme Court by Nov. 1 of the same year
- If due to legislative inaction secretary of state plans are to be filed with the state Supreme Court by Aug. 15 of the same year, the state Supreme Court must complete its final review of such reapportionment by Dec. 15 of that year

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**5**  
SEATS  


through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 6

## Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

## State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

## Timing

- None

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# PENNSYLVANIA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**203**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**50**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- The majority and minority leaders of the state House and Senate (or their appointees) and a chairman, selected by the initial four commissioners, who may not be a local, state, or federal public official. If the four commissioners fail to select a chairman, one shall be appointed by majority vote of state Supreme Court justices

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- A simple majority is required to approve a final map
- If the commission fails to publish the preliminary, revised, or final reapportionment plan within the required time period, then the state Supreme Court shall "immediately" reapportion the districts
- The commission's plan must be published in at least one newspaper in each Senate and Representative district
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if petitioned

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Populations as nearly equal as practicable
- Follow county, city, town, and ward boundaries unless "absolutely necessary" to divide

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Draft plan must be filed within 90 days after the commission is formed or after census data is available, whichever is later
- The commission has 30 days after filing the draft plan to make adjustments



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**18**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 17

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

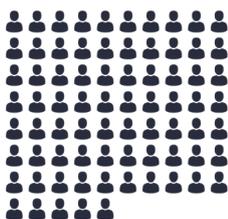
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# RHODE ISLAND

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**75**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**38**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Compactness for House
- As equal in population as possible for House and Senate

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- No deadline

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**2**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
1

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# SOUTH CAROLINA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**124**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**46**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- Permits mid-decade reapportionment for the House; however, changes may not take effect until after a general election occurs

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- None

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- No deadline

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**7**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

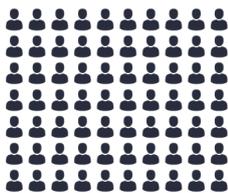
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# SOUTH DAKOTA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**70**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**35**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- If Legislature is unable to pass a plan by the deadline, then the state Supreme Court will do so

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- "Protection of community interest by means of compact and contiguous districts"
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Population "as nearly equal as practicable"
- Respect geographical and political boundaries
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- Protection of minority voting rights

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by Dec. 1 of every year ending in 1
- If the Legislature is unable to accomplish this task by the Dec. 1 deadline, the state Supreme Court has 90 days to draw lines

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**1**  
SEAT



South Dakota has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

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# TENNESSEE

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

99

HOUSE  
SEATS



33

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity required for House districts
- Counties shall not be divided, except where one county has more than one representative, in which case the county must be divided for House or Senate
- In House plan, no more than 30 counties may be split

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provision

#### Timing

- After each census, but no deadline established; allows General Assembly to apportion "at any time"

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

9

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline; prohibited from redistricting between U.S. congressional apportionments of representation

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# TEXAS

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**150**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**31**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE *or* BACKUP COMMISSION

- Composed of lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the general land office, House majority leader

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State legislature has initial responsibility to draw the lines
- Governor can veto plan
- If the Legislature fails to adopt a plan by the end of the regular legislative session, Backup Commission draws the lines, to be executed by a majority of the board and submitted to the secretary of state

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity for Senate and House
- House districts must follow county boundaries when possible

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- State Legislature must adopt a plan by the end of the first legislative session following the census
- If the Legislature fails to submit a plan by the end of the first legislative session, the commission must assemble within 90 days of adjournment then has 60 days after assembling to submit a final plan



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**36**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
39 to 40

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

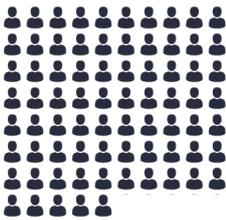
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- No deadline

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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**75**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**29**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### ADVISORY COMMISSION *or* STATE LEGISLATURE

- Seven members: the governor and four legislative majority and minority leaders each select one, and the legislative leadership of each political party jointly selecting one more

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Advisory commission draws the lines
- Plan(s) is submitted to the state legislature with 70 percent approval
- State legislature may not make changes to the commission proposal(s)
- If legislature rejects the commission plan(s), it may enact its own with an accompanying report
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Minimize division of political boundaries
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Preserve communities of interest
- Follow natural and geographic boundaries
- Nest districts where possible

#### Public Hearings

- At least seven public hearings

#### Timing

- Commission must adopt a final plan(s) not later than 30 days after the last public hearing
- Commission must submit plan(s) to the legislature no later than ten days before the legislature votes

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**4**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

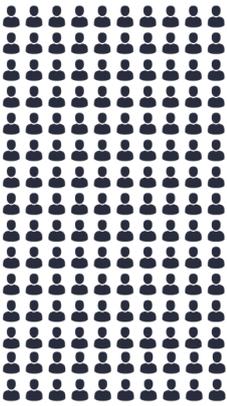
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# VERMONT

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**150**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**30**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Governor selects one resident from each major party (has more than three members in the General Assembly) and who are not all from the same county; the state committee of each major political party selects one resident; chief justice selects one "special master" who serves as chair of the commission
- Gubernatorial and party appointees must have resided in the state for at least five years prior to appointment
- Cannot be members of nor employed by the Legislature
- The secretary of state is a non-voting member of the Board

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Advisory commission proposes initial plan for both House and Senate districts
- For both House and Senate districts, the state Legislature must either approve the plan or substitute another plan that complies with standards applied to the Board
- Governor can veto the plan
- State Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction of legislative apportionment and may review a plan if five or more individuals petition

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow county boundaries and other political subdivisions when practicable
- Preserve communities of interest as defined by the state when practicable

#### Public Hearings

- Board is given power to hold public hearings, but such hearings are not required

#### Timing

- Draft proposal of House and Senate districts must be finalized by the Board by July 1 of the year following the census
- Where a House district divides a city or town, that municipality's board of civil authority may, before Aug. 1 of the same year, recommend alternative district lines in line with standards applied to the Board. The Board must review and consider any such plans and prepare a final proposal to submit to the Legislature by Aug. 15



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1  
SEAT  
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Vermont has only 1 congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

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# VIRGINIA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**40**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- Follow clearly defined and clearly observable – meaning streets and natural or constructed physical features shown on official maps – boundaries

#### State-Level Criteria

- Compactness
- Contiguity

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- No deadline

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**11**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: 11  
or 12

#### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

#### Timing

- No deadline

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# WASHINGTON

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

98

HOUSE  
SEATS



49

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

#### POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Five members: leaders of the two largest parties in the House and Senate each select one; those four commissioners then select one non-voting chair
- Commissioners must be registered voters of the state
- Commissioners must not have been lobbyists within one year prior to appointment
- Commissioners must not have been elected officials or party officials within two years prior to appointment
- If the requisite appointment is not made by the appointing party, such appointment will be made by the state Supreme Court

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- Three affirmative votes are required to approve a final map
- If three members fail to approve the plan, then the state Supreme Court shall adopt a plan
- Legislature may amend the plan with two-thirds vote of each House; any amendment must be passed by both Houses by the 30th day of the first session after the commission submitted its plan to the Legislature
- Legislature may reconvene the commission to modify the plan with two-thirds vote of each House
- State Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in cases involving redistricting

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness and convenience
- As nearly equal in population as practicable
- Contiguity
- Follow county and municipal boundaries, geographical barriers, or artificial barriers
- Preserve communities of interest when practicable
- Shall not purposefully favor or discriminate against any group or political party
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- Provide "fair and effective representation" and encourage competition

#### Public Hearings

- Commission meetings must be open to the public in compliance with state Open Public Meetings requirements

#### Timing

- Commission plan is to be completed "as soon as possible" following the census and no later than Nov. 15th of each year ending in 1
- If the commission fails to complete a plan, then the state Supreme Court must do so before April 30 of the year ending in 2



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**10**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

### Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

### State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

### Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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# WEST VIRGINIA

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**100**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**34**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness for Senate
- Contiguity for Senate
- Follow county boundaries, can contain more than one county for Senate and House
- As nearly equal in population as practicable for House and Senate

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Districts to be reapportioned "after" census, but no deadline stated

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**3**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
2

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- Contiguity
- Compactness
- As nearly equal in population as possible
- Follow county lines

#### Timing

- No deadline

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## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

99

HOUSE  
SEATS



33

SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Assembly districts to follow county, precinct, town, or ward lines
- Senate districts must be composed of "convenient" geographic area
- Compactness for Assembly districts
- Contiguity for both Assembly and Senate
- Nest House districts within Senate districts

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Legislature must redistrict in the first legislative session following the census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

8

SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment: No  
change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

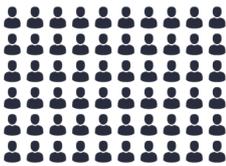
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# WYOMING

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**60**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**30**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

#### Timing

- Must conduct reapportionment at the first budget session following the census

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**1**  
SEAT



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### State-Level Criteria

- Permits mid-decade redistricting
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Shall not divide a county, but may be composed of more than one

#### Process

- Wyoming has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

#### Timing

- Same as for legislative districts

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