

ALASKA

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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HOUSE
SEATS



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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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