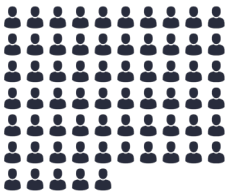# COLORADO

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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HOUSE SEATS

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SENATE SEATS

WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?
POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Eleven members with the four legislative majority and minority leaders each selecting one, the governor selecting three, and the chief justice of the state Supreme Court selecting four
- No more than six commissioners may be of the same political party
- No more than four commissioners may be members of the legislature
- At least one but no more than four commissioners must be from each congressional district
- At least one commissioner must reside west of the continental divide

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process
- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- 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
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries
- Preserve communities of interest

Public Hearings
- Required to be held in several places throughout the state within 45 days after preliminary plan is published

Timing
- Draft plans must be approved within 113 days after the commission is convened or after census data is available, whichever is later
- Final plans must be submitted to the State Supreme Court for review at least 123 days prior to the beginning of precinct caucuses or other candidate selection process in the second year following the census
- If the state Supreme Court disapproves of the plan, it must allow the commission enough time to redraw the plan and submit it to the secretary of state at least 55 days prior to the beginning of precinct caucuses or other candidate selection process

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

7
SEATS

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through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment:
8

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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