CONNECTICUT

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS





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 SenateFor 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



Process	• Same as for state legislative districts
State-Level Criteria	• None
Timing	• Same as for state legislative districts

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