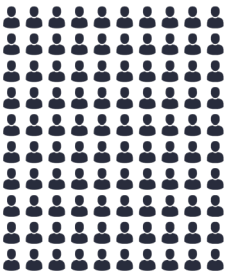


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STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

100
HOUSE
SEATS



50
SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

ADVISORY COMMISSION (NONPARTISAN LEGISLATURE SERVICE BUREAU)

- 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

- Advisory commission draws the lines
- 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

- Advisory commission submits final plans to the Legislature by April 1 in years ending in 1
- Legislature votes on plans expeditiously and must adopt a plan by Sept. 1
- If the Legislature fails to adopt a plan by Sept. 15, the state Supreme Court adopts a plan by Dec. 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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