

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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