

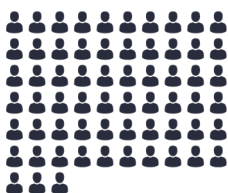
NEW YORK

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

150
HOUSE
SEATS



63
SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

ADVISORY COMMISSION

Effective 2021:

- Senate and Assembly majority and minority leaders each appoint two members; the first eight members select, by majority vote, the final two commissioners, who cannot have been affiliated with either major party in the last five years
- Within three years prior to appointment, commissioners cannot have been a (1) state legislator, (2) member of Congress, (3) statewide elected official, (4) state officer, employee, or legislative employee, (5) registered lobbyist in New York, or (6) political party chair
- Within three years prior to appointment, commissioners' spouses cannot have been a (1) state legislator, (2) member of Congress, or (3) statewide elected official
- To extent practicable, commissioners shall reflect the diversity of the state regarding race, ethnicity, gender, language, and geographic residence
- To extent practicable, the appointing authorities must consult with organizations devoted to protecting the voting rights of minority and other voters concerning potential appointees to the commission

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

Effective 2021:

- Advisory commission draws the lines
 - » Plan must have the support of at least seven members
 - » If the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of the same political party, then at least one commissioner appointed by each legislative leader must support the plan
 - » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties, then at least one commissioner appointed by the speaker and temporary president must support the plan
 - » If no plan gets seven votes or the required commissioners' support by the deadline, then the plan that received the most votes is submitted to the Legislature
- State Legislature votes on the plan without amendment; if the plan fails to pass or if the governor vetoes it, then the commission submits a second plan
- If the second plan also fails to pass or is vetoed, then the Legislature draws the lines according to the regular legislative process
- For the Legislature to pass the commission's submitted plan, the votes must meet certain thresholds depending on which parties control the Legislature and how much support the plan received in the advisory commission:

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Process

- » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties and the commission passed its plan with seven votes and the required support of the speaker's and temporary president's appointees, then a simple majority of each house is required
- » If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of different political parties and the commission passed its plan with less than seven votes or without the required support of the speaker's and temporary president's appointees, then 60 percent of each House is required
- If the speaker of the Assembly and the temporary president of the Senate are members of the same political party, then two-thirds of each house is required (regardless of how the advisory commission voted)
- Governor can veto the plan

State-Level Criteria Ranked: No

- Effective 2021:
- Districts may not purposefully or effectively abridge voting rights of racial or language minorities
 - Contiguity
 - Compactness
 - Cannot discourage competition or favor incumbents, candidates, or parties
 - Preserve cores of existing districts and communities of interest
 - Follow political boundaries
 - Single-member districts for Assembly

Public Hearings

- Effective 2021:
- Must conduct at least one hearing in the cities of Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and White Plains and in Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, and Suffolk counties

Timing

- Effective 2021:
- Commission's draft plans must be made available to the public by Sept. 15 in years ending in 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter
 - Commission must submit plan to the Legislature by Jan. 15 in years ending in 2
 - If the commission's first submitted plan fails, the commission must submit a second plan by Feb. 28 in years ending in 2

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

27
SEATS



through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment: 26

Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

Timing

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