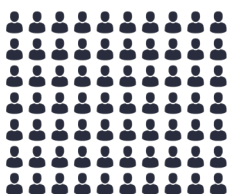


SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

70
HOUSE
SEATS



35
SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- If Legislature is unable to pass a plan by the deadline, then the state Supreme Court will do so

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- "Protection of community interest by means of compact and contiguous districts"
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Population "as nearly equal as practicable"
- Respect geographical and political boundaries
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- Protection of minority voting rights

Public Hearings

- No redistricting-specific provisions

Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by Dec. 1 of every year ending in 1
- If the Legislature is unable to accomplish this task by the Dec. 1 deadline, the state Supreme Court has 90 days to draw lines

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1
SEAT



South Dakota has only one congressional district (through 2020). Projected after reapportionment: No change

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