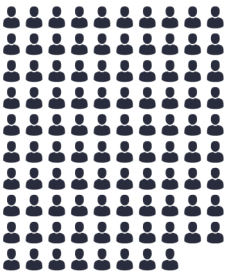


WASHINGTON

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

98

HOUSE
SEATS



49

SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION

- Five members: leaders of the two largest parties in the House and Senate each select one; those four commissioners then select one non-voting chair
- Commissioners must be registered voters of the state
- Commissioners must not have been lobbyists within one year prior to appointment
- Commissioners must not have been elected officials or party officials within two years prior to appointment
- If the requisite appointment is not made by the appointing party, such appointment will be made by the state Supreme Court

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Political appointee commission draws the lines
- Three affirmative votes are required to approve a final map
- If three members fail to approve the plan, then the state Supreme Court shall adopt a plan
- Legislature may amend the plan with two-thirds vote of each House; any amendment must be passed by both Houses by the 30th day of the first session after the commission submitted its plan to the Legislature
- Legislature may reconvene the commission to modify the plan with two-thirds vote of each House
- State Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in cases involving redistricting

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness and convenience
- As nearly equal in population as practicable
- Contiguity
- Follow county and municipal boundaries, geographical barriers, or artificial barriers
- Preserve communities of interest when practicable
- Shall not purposefully favor or discriminate against any group or political party
- Nest House districts within Senate districts
- Provide "fair and effective representation" and encourage competition

Public Hearings

- Commission meetings must be open to the public in compliance with state Open Public Meetings requirements

Timing

- Commission plan is to be completed "as soon as possible" following the census and no later than Nov. 15th of each year ending in 1
- If the commission fails to complete a plan, then the state Supreme Court must do so before April 30 of the year ending in 2



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

10
SEATS



through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment: No
change

Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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