

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS



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SENATE SEATS

WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

ADVISORY COMMISSION or STATE LEGISLATURE

• Seven members: the governor and four legislative majority and minority leaders each select one, and the legislative leadership of each political party jointly selecting one more

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process	 Advisory commission draws the lines Plan(s) is submitted to the state legislature with 70 percent approval State legislature may not make changes to the commission proposal(s) If legislature rejects the commission plan(s), it may enact its own with an accompanying report Governor can veto the plan
State-Level Criteria Ranked: Yes	 Minimize division of political boundaries Compactness Contiguity Preserve communities of interest Follow natural and geographic boundaries Nest districts where possible
Public Hearings	At least seven public hearings
Timing	 Commission must adopt a final plan(s) not later than 30 days after the last public hearing Commission must submit plan(s) to the legislature no later than ten days before the legislature votes

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



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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