

CALIFORNIA

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

80

HOUSE SEATS



40

SENATE SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION

- Fourteen members: Five registered with each two major parties, four registered with neither major party, eight chosen by state auditor panel with input from legislative majority and minority leaders, six chosen by those initial eight
- Commission should be “independent from legislative influence and reasonably representative of [the] State’s diversity”
- Commissioners must have been registered to vote in California with the same political party (or unaffiliated) for five years prior to appointment. Commissioners must have voted in two of the last three statewide general elections prior to appointment
- Commissioners may not be appointed as officials or candidates of a political party, employees, or consultants of a political campaign for 10 years from appointment
- Commissioners must not have served or been a candidate for federal or state office; worked for a political party or campaign committee; been a registered lobbyist; been paid congressional, legislative, or board of equalization staff; or contributed a large amount of money to a political campaign
- Commissioners must not be staff, consultants, or contractors for state or federal government

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Independent commission draws the lines
- Nine affirmative votes are required to approve a final map (three from each of the two major political parties and three unaffiliated members)
- Final maps may be subject to referendum
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a registered voter petitions or will draw its own map if the commission fails to approve one

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries and preserve communities of interest to the extent possible
- Compactness to the extent practicable
- Nest two House districts within each Senate district to the extent practicable
- Can’t consider incumbent or candidate residences
- Can’t draw districts with the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a candidate, incumbent, or party



Public Hearings

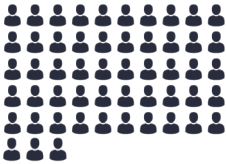
- The commission shall comply with open meetings laws and must provide 14 days' public notice for hearings

Timing

- Final maps approved by Aug. 15 of the year ending in 1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

53
SEATS



through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment:
53 or 54

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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