

COLORADO

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

65

HOUSE
SEATS



35

SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

- Twelve members: Four registered with each of the two major parties and four registered with neither major party; six commissioners randomly chosen by judicial panel; four commissioners chosen from a pool created by each majority and minority legislative leader; two more unaffiliated commissioners randomly chosen by judicial panel
- Of the first six randomly-selected commissioners, two must be affiliated with the majority political party, two with the minority party, and two unaffiliated with any political party
- Commissioners must be registered voters who voted in the previous two general elections
- Commissioners must have been affiliated with the same political party or unaffiliated with any political party for a minimum of five consecutive years prior to their appointment
- Commissioners may not have been candidates for federal elective office within the last five years and may not serve on Colorado's state legislative redistricting commission
- Commissioners may not have been compensated by elected officials or campaign committees for offices above the precinct level, or been professional lobbyists for three years prior to their appointment

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Commission's non-partisan staff draws the lines
- Eight affirmative votes are required to approve a final map (at least one must be unaffiliated with the two major parties)
- State Supreme Court automatically reviews the plan

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Overall range of no more than 5 percent between most- and least-populous districts
- Contiguity
- Preserve communities of interest and political subdivisions
- Compactness
- Maximize number of competitive districts after adhering to other criteria
- Can't draw maps to protect incumbent members, candidates, or any political party
- Can't draw maps to harm the right of any citizen to vote or ability of a racial or language minority group's electoral influence

Public Hearings

- At least three public hearings in each congressional district, including at least one west of the continental divide, one east of the continental divide, and one south of El Paso County or east of Arapahoe County



Timing

- Final plan must be adopted by September 15 in years ending in 1
- State Supreme Court must approve the plan by November 15, or approve a revised plan by December 29

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

7
SEATS



through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment:
8

WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

- Same commissioner selection process as for state legislative district commission

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

State-Level Criteria

- Same as for state legislative districts

Ranked: No

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