

MAINE

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

151
HOUSE
SEATS



35
SENATE
SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Senate majority and minority leaders each select two; House majority and minority leaders each select three; state chairs of the two major parties each select one; the two groups of six commissioners from each party each select one member of the public to be a commissioner; those two “public commissioners” select one tiebreaker
- Advisory Commission to be established within three days of the Legislature convening in years ending in 1
- Constitution sets minimum number of senators at 31 and the maximum at 35; number must be odd

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Advisory commission draws the lines
- State Legislature approves the commission’s plan, or its own plan, by a two-thirds vote of each house
- Governor can veto the plan but a subsequent vote of two-thirds of the House and Senate of the state Legislature can enact the plan with the force of law
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a citizen petitions, and makes its own reapportionment if the challenge succeeds
- If the Legislature fails to pass a plan, the state Supreme Court will make the apportionment

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Compactness for House and Senate
- Contiguity for House and Senate
- Follow political boundaries for House and Senate
- Give weight to communities of interest
- Population base: citizen population for House and Senate
- Single-member districts for house

Public Hearings

- Not required

Timing

- Advisory commission must submit its final plan by June 1 in years ending in 1
- State Legislature must approve a plan by June 11
- State Supreme Court must adopt a plan within 60 days of the legislative deadline if the Legislature fails to approve a map



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

2

SEATS



through 2020.
Projected after
reapportionment: No
change

Process

- Same as for state legislative districts

State-Level Criteria

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries when practicable

Timing

- Same as for state legislative districts

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