

# MARYLAND

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**141**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**47**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

GOVERNOR *or* STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- Governor presents a plan to the Legislature
- State Legislature then adopts the governor's plan or its own plan
- Governor can't veto the plan
- If no plan is adopted by the 45th day of the regular session of the Legislature, the governor's plan becomes law
- Any registered voter may petition the State Court of Appeals to review the legislative districting of the state

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Nest districts electing three House members within each Senate district
- Single-member districts for Senate
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Give due regard to natural and political boundaries

#### Public Hearings

- Required before the governor prepares a plan

#### Timing

- Governor must present his plan to the legislature by the first day of the regular legislative session in the second year following the decennial census
- Legislature must adopt a plan by the 45th day of the legislative session. If no plan is adopted by that day, the governor's plan becomes law



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

8  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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