MISSOURI

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

163
HOUSE
SEATS



34 SENATE SEATS



WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

HOUSE POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION and SENATE POLITICAL APPOINTEE COMMISSION or JUDICIAL COMMISSION

For House districts, political appointee commission

- Sixteen members: each major party nominates two members per congressional district; governor chooses one of the nominees per party per congressional district
- No more than one commissioner from each state legislative district may be nominated by each party
- If the parties fail to nominate members, the governor selects members from the party from the unrepresented district

For Senate districts, political appointee commission

- Ten members: each major party nominates 10 members; governor chooses five of the nominees from each party
- If the parties fail to nominate members, the governor selects members from the
 party

Backup judicial commission

 Six members: appointed from among the judges of the appellate courts of the state by the state Supreme Court

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

Process

- Non-partisan state demographer draws the lines
- Commission may only make changes to the plan with 70 percent approval, otherwise plan becomes final
- Governor cannot veto the plan
- If a commission fails to file a plan, the state Supreme Court selects a judicial commission, which adopts plan by a simple majority

State-Level Criteria

Ranked: Yes

- Can't draw districts with the intent or effect of harming the ability of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or electing representatives of choice
- Partisan fairness
- Competitiveness
- Minimize the difference between the two majority parties' total wasted votes as much as possible
- Contiguity
- Follow political boundaries
- Compactness

Public Hearings

At least three public hearings



Timing

- Non-partisan state demographer must file a tentative plan with secretary of state and political appointee commissions no later than six months after the decennial census is reported
- Political appointee commissions must adopt a plan no later than two months after receiving the tentative plan
- If political appointee commissions do not adopt a plan by the deadline, the tentative plan becomes final

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



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

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- As nearly equal in population as possible

Timing

No deadline

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