WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?
STATE LEGISLATURE

HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?
Process
• State Legislature draws the lines
• Governor cannot veto the plan
• In the event a redistricting plan or portion thereof is found unlawful, the state Legislature must be given at least two weeks to remedy any defects before the court may impose any interim plan

State-Level Criteria
Ranked: No
• Contiguity for Senate
• As equal in population “as nearly may be” for Senate and House
• Follow county boundaries for Senate and House “except to the extent necessary to comply with federal law”

Public Hearings
• No redistricting-specific provisions

Timing
• Plans must be drawn during the first legislative session following the census and shall not be amended until the next census

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Process
• State Legislature draws the lines
• Governor cannot veto the plan
• If neither the Legislature nor Congress reapportion congressional districts after a change in the number of representatives apportioned to the state, then:
  » If increased, then all districts remain and additional seat is elected at large by all qualified voters in the state
  » If decreased, then all districts are dissolved and all seats are elected at large by all qualified voters in the state

State-Level Criteria
• None

Timing
• No deadline