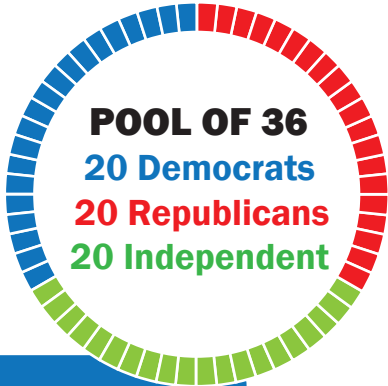


1 Prospective commissioners apply

2 Non-partisan state CRS evaluates applications according to specific criteria, eliminates ineligible applicants

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
No conflicts of interest (e.g., lobbyist, big donor, or political party operative.)



3 CRS produces proposed pool of 36 (12Dem/12Rep/12Ind) based on skills and diversity criteria; publishes public report explaining justification

SKILLS AND DIVERSITY CRITERIA
Demographic diversity
Diversity of skills
Impartiality
Geographic diversity of residence

4 Four (4) leaders of state legislature each appoint one (1) legislator to a Select Committee that must approve the pool by three (3) votes

7 Maps automatically take effect if majority of commission (including at least one commissioner from each group) approves; if commission fails to approve, D.C. District court will create maps

6 Maps created using criteria (in order):
1. Constitution
2. Voting Rights Act
3. contiguous
4. community of interest; municipality; county; neighborhood
5. compact

5 If approved, CRS randomly narrows pool to 12 (4Dem/4Rep/4Ind), plus two (2) alternates for each group

CRITERIA NOT CONSIDERED
Voting history/registration*
Residence of candidates
Political party of candidates

*except to comply with state law requiring competitive district or VRA

5a If not approved by Legislature, CRS selects new pool of 36 for approval; if upon 3rd submission there is no agreement, D.C. District Court will create maps

