California City & County Redistricting:

New Timing Requirements & Deadlines

First Regular Election Date After Jan. 2022  
April 12, 2022 (Off-Cycle, April Even Year)  
June 7, 2022 (On-Cycle, June State Primary)  
Nov 8, 2022 (On-Cycle, Nov. State General)  
March 7, 2023 (Off-Cycle, March Odd Year)  
April 11, 2023 (Off-Cycle, April Odd Year)  
November 7, 2023 (Off-Cycle, Nov Odd Year)  

Deadline to Pass Final Map*  
E-174 : October 20, 2021  
E-174 : December 15, 2021  
E-205 : April 17, 2022  
E-205 : August 14, 2022  
E-205 : September 18, 2022  
E-205 : April 16, 2023  

* Charter Cities may set their own redistricting deadline by city charter/ordinance. EC 21622(b).

The timeline and process for local redistricting was changed by AB 849 & AB 1276. There are several new timing requirements:

**Draft Maps**

To ensure the public has time to provide input based on official census data, cities and counties are required to wait a minimum of 21 days after the state’s official, adjusted census data is released before the city or county can post its first draft maps. If the release of census data is significantly delayed and reduces the amount of time to redistrict to less than 90 or 60 days, the 21-day waiting period is automatically reduced to 7 days or eliminated, respectively.

**Pre- & Post-Draft Map Hearings**

Cities and counties must hold a minimum of 4 public hearings before adopting a final map: at least 1 hearing must be before the city/county draws a draft map and at least 2 hearings must be after a draft map is drawn. The pre-draft map hearings may occur at any time, including during or before the 21-day waiting period before draft maps can be posted.

**Notice/Posting Requirements**

Cities and counties are required to notice redistricting hearings and workshops at least 5 days in advance (instead of 3 under the Brown Act). Final redistricting maps must be posted online for at least 7 days before being adopted. However, within 27 days of a jurisdiction’s deadline to adopt maps, those requirements reduce to 3 days, to give local governments more flexibility to adopt maps in time.

**Requests for Translation**

Cities and counties must provide live translation of a public hearing in an applicable language if the request is made 72 hours in advance of the hearing. If, during the last 27 days before the redistricting deadline, a city or county provides less than 5 days notice for a hearing, requests for live translation can be made up to 48 hours before the hearing.

**Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Period**

Counties and charter cities with a regular election between January 1 and July 1, 2022, may not make signature-in-lieu-of-filing-fee petitions available until at least 28 days after maps have been adopted. If the in-lieu period is reduced, the number of signatures required must be reduced in proportion to the reduced time.

Contact RedistrictingCA@commoncause.org for more information on local redistricting in California.