

2021 City & County Redistricting

 PUBLIC HEARING & OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS

FAIR MAPS Act

- **“Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act”**
 - *aka AB 849 (Bonta, 2019) + AB 1276 (Bonta, 2020)*
 - New redistricting criteria
 - Timing changes
 - 4 public hearings
 - Greater notice & outreach requirements
 - Translation requirements

OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS

- **Dedicated Webpage** for city/county redistricting
 - *Explanation of redistricting + public comment process*
 - *Calendar of hearings*
 - *Notices/Agendas*
 - *Recordings or written summaries*
 - *Draft maps considered by Council/Board*
 - *Adopted Map*

OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS

- **Dedicated Webpage** for city/county redistricting
- **Steps to encourage public participation:** Including a “good faith” effort to:
 - Provide information to local media
 - Provide information through “good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations”
 - Include language minority publications/organizations
- **Interested Persons Sign-Up**
- **Post information on redistricting + comment process online**
 - Including in **applicable non-English languages**
 - SOS Templates: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/helpful-resources/redistricting>

4 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Hold a minimum of 4 public hearings**
 - Minimum of 1 **Pre-Draft** Maps Hearing
 - Minimum of 2 **Post-Draft** Maps Hearings
 - (+1 either Pre- **or** Post-Draft Maps Hearing)
- **A floor, not a ceiling.*
- *** LA & SD have special rules (and some other charter cities/counties with independent commissions)*

PRE-DRAFT MAPS HEARINGS

- **1-2 Pre-Draft Map Hearings**
- **Timing:** Can be held any time
- **Who can hold them:**
 - Council/Board of Supervisors (default)
 - 1 can be done by **staff/consultant**
 - **Advisory** redistricting commission (*EC 23002*)
 - **Independent** commission (*EC 23003*)

POST-DRAFT MAPS HEARINGS

- **2-3 Post-Draft Map Hearings**
 - **Timing:** there is a 21-day “waiting period” after the release of State-Adjusted census data before a jurisdiction can release draft maps (and therefore hold post-draft map hearings)
 - **If census data is very delayed, the waiting period may be shortened to 7 days or eliminated. See EC 21508(d)(3); 21608(d)(3); 21628(d)(3).*
 - **Who can hold them:**
 - Council/Board of Supervisors (default)
 - **Independent** redistricting commission

HEARING LOCATION/TIMING

- **ADA Accessible**
- **Stand-alone meeting or regular meeting**
- **Fixed Start Time**
 - *...but can complete previous agenda item.*
- **Different times:** minimum of 1 hearing outside of normal business hours (after 6pm or weekends)

HEARING NOTICE

- **5-Day Online Notice** of day, time, location
 - Doesn't require an agenda
 - *Reduces to 3 days in last 27 days before deadline*
- **Maintain Online Calendar** of hearings
 - Can meet 5-day notice requirement

LIVE TRANSLATION

- **Live translation** by request, if made 72 hours* in advance
 - **Reduced to 48 hours if city/county's meeting notice was under 5 days.*
- For a jurisdiction's **applicable languages** only
 - Counties: Sec. 203 languages
 - Cities: SOS determination at:
 - <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/helpful-resources/redistricting>

DRAFT MAPS

- **Allow the public to submit testimony & maps** in writing and electronically
- **Draft map demographics for city/county maps:** include if available
- **Final Draft Map:** must be posted 7 days* before adoption
 - **Reduced to 3 days in final 27 days before redistricting deadline*

RECORDKEEPING

- **Recording or written summary** of each comment and deliberation
 - *Must be posted online within 2 weeks*
- **Post materials online** (calendar, agendas, notices, recordings/summaries, draft maps, final map)
- **Maintain webpage** for 10 years



QUESTIONS?

TIMING OF REDISTRICTING

- **Q. When is the deadline to redistrict?**
- **A:** It depends on when your next regular election after January 1, 2022, takes place:
 - Jan. 1 – July 1: E-174 (may require SIL compression)
 - After July 2: E-205

Jurisdiction's Election Date:	April 12, 2022	June 7, 2022	November 8, 2022	March 7, 2023	April 11, 2023	November 7, 2023	Source
Redistricting Deadline* (D)	October 20, 2021 E-174	December 15, 2021 E-174	April 17, 2022 E-205	August 14, 2022 E-205	September 18, 2022 E-205	April 16, 2023 E-205	Counties: EC 12501(a); General Law Cities: EC 21602(a); Charter Cities: EC 21622(a)

- *Charter cities can set their own deadline
- **Check with your county

TIMING OF REDISTRICTING

- **Q. *When can a city/county start releasing draft maps?***
- **A:** 21 days after the state publishes adjusted census data
 - = the “Waiting Period”
 - Adjusted data will be released ~ 1 month after census data
 - <https://statewidedatabase.org/>
 - If data is very delayed ... Waiting Period drops from 21 to 7 to 0 days