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/oranizations

• **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](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

*Charter cities can set their own deadline

**Check with your county
• **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/](https://statewidedatabase.org/)
  • If data is very delayed … Waiting Period drops from 21 to 7 to 0 days