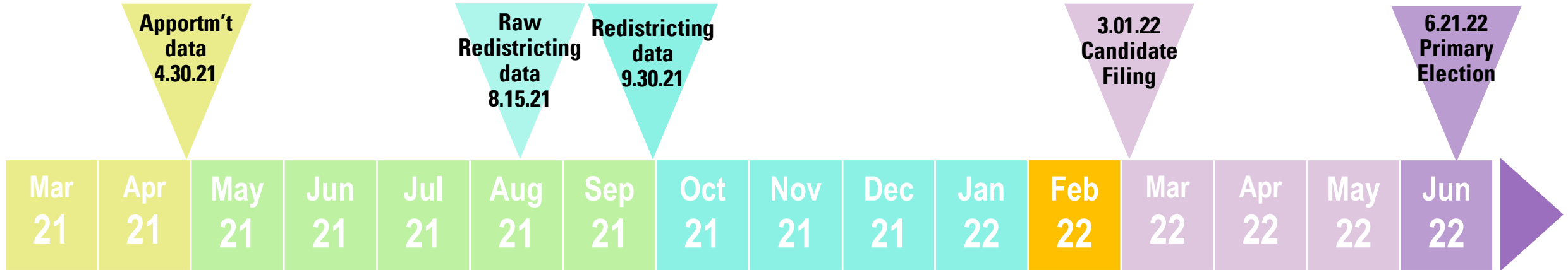
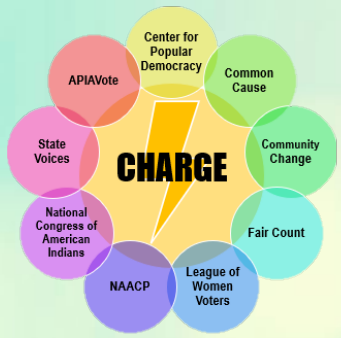


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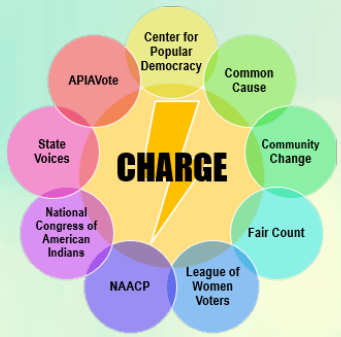
<p>At least 5 months: Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony</p>	<p>Approx. 4 months: Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps</p>	<p>Court & County Prep</p>
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Redistricting Rules: Arkansas Rules

Who draws the lines?

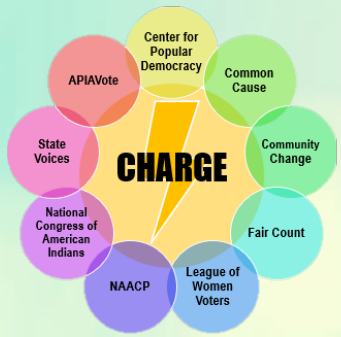
- ▶ Congressional lines are drawn by the state legislature, subject to a gubernatorial veto
- ▶ State legislature lines are drawn by a three-member political commission, made up of the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General (Ark. Const. art. 8, § 1)



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What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ▶ State legislative districts must be equally populated "as nearly as possible" (Ark. Const. art. 8, § § 2, 3)
- ▶ State senate districts must be contiguous and follow county lines, except where necessary to comply with other legal requirements (Ark. Const. art. 8, §3). State senate districts may be multimember districts (Harvey v. Clinton, 308 Ark. 546 (1992))



Redistricting Rules: Arkansas Public Access

Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

► www.arkansasredistricting.org