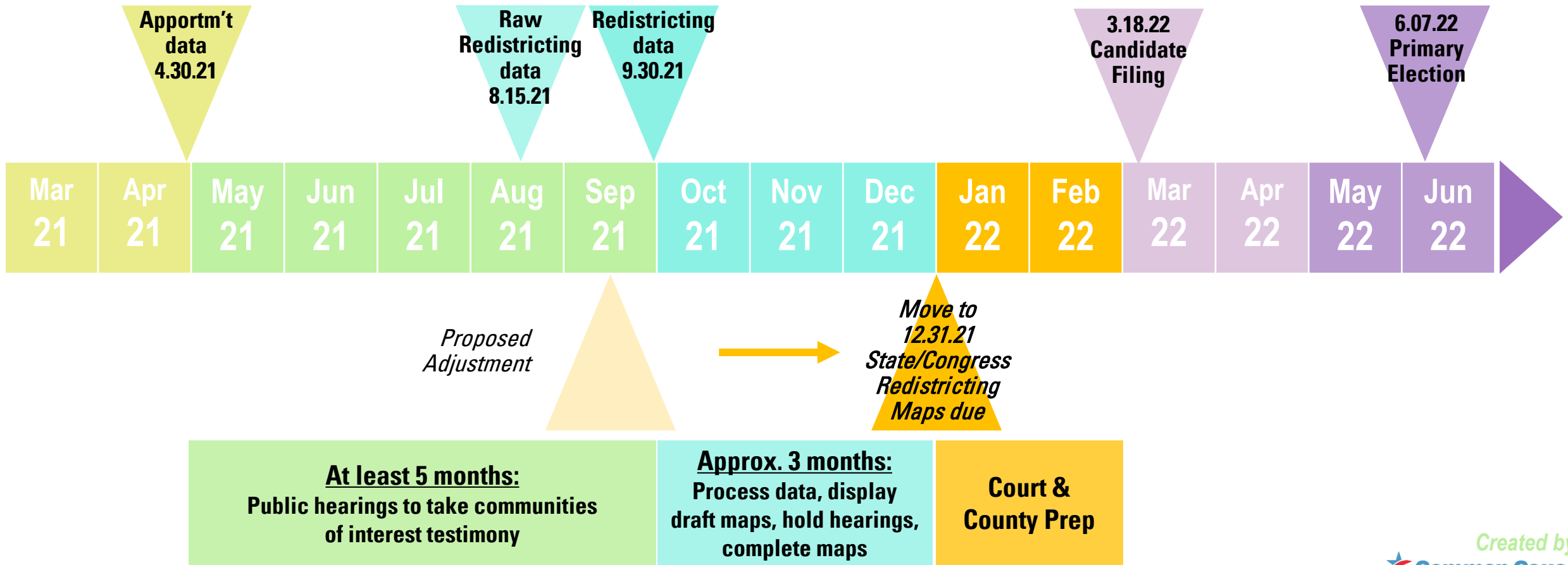
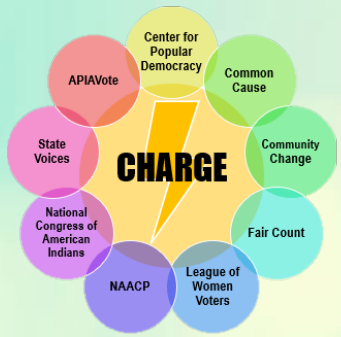


Redistricting Rules: Proposed Iowa

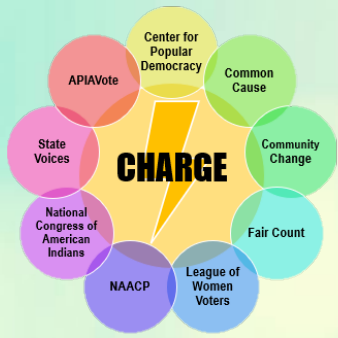




Redistricting Rules: Iowa Rules

Who draws the lines?

- ▶ Congressional and state legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature** and subject to a gubernatorial vote, but with substantial input from a nonpartisan advisory body and a bipartisan advisory committee, both maintained by statute



Redistricting Rules: Iowa Rules

What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules of the race
- ▶ Congressional districts required to be populated as nearly equal as practicable and not more than 1% deviation (Iowa Code § 42.4(1))
- ▶ State legislative districts must be populated as nearly equal as practicable except where necessary to comply with other requirements, the overall average deviation cannot exceed 1% and the total deviation cannot exceed 10% (Iowa Code § 42.4(1))
- ▶ Must not be drawn for the purpose of augmenting or diluting the voting strength of a language or racial minority (Iowa Code § 42.4(5))
- ▶ Must be **convenient** and **contiguous**, preserve the integrity of political subdivisions like counties and cities, and reasonably compact (Iowa Const. Art. III §§ 34, 37; Iowa Code § 42.4)
- ▶ State House districts must be **nested** within state Senate districts, and both should be nested where possible within congressional districts (Iowa Code § 42.4(6))
- ▶ May not be drawn to favor a political party, incumbent, or other person or group (Iowa Code § 42.4(5))