Redistricting Rules: Illinois Rules

Who draws the lines?

- Congressional lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute and are subject to a gubernatorial veto.

- State legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute and are subject to gubernatorial veto. If districts are not approved by June 30, 2021, an eight-member backup commission draws districts. If the legislature fails to pass new state legislative plans, an eight-member backup commission with four members of each party appointed by state legislative leaders has until August 10, 2021, to do so. If the eight-member commission fails to approve new maps, the Illinois Supreme Court nominates two potential members of different parties, and the Secretary of State randomly selects one to add to the commission. The nine-member commission then has until October 5, 2021, to file plans.
What are the mapping rules?

- State legislative districts, where legally and pragmatically possible, must allow racial or language minority communities to elect — or influence the election of — the candidates of their choice, even if no comparable district would be required by the federal Voting Rights Act. 10 Ill. Cons. Stat. §§ 120/5-5.

- State legislative districts must be contiguous and reasonably compact. Ill. Const. art. IV, § 3(a); People ex rel. Burris v. Ryan, 588 N.E.2d 1023, 1028 (Ill. 1991); Schrage v. State Bd. of Elections, 430 N.E.2d 483 (Ill. 1981)]
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

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