Redistricting Rules: Missouri

**Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21**

- Mar 21
- Apr 21
- May 21
- Jun 21
- Jul 21
- Aug 21
- Sep 21
- Oct 21
- Nov 21
- Dec 21
- Jan 22
- Feb 22
- Mar 22
- Apr 22
- May 22
- Jun 22

**At least 5 months:**
Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

**Approx. 4 months:**
Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

**3.29.22 Candidate Filing**

**5.29.22 State Maps Due**

**8.2.22 Primary Election**

Although Missouri has ample time prior to its deadline, the state may consider moving its candidate filing deadline to ensure a robust public input process.

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Who draws the lines?

- Congressional lines are drawn the state legislature as a statute, subject to a gubernatorial veto.
- State legislative lines are drawn by two separate commissions, one for state Senate and one for state House districts.
- Commission is appointed by political leaders across the state.
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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
- Congressional districts must be contiguous, compact, and as equal in population as possible (Mo. Const. Art. III, § 45)
- State legislative districts must follow the following methods in this priority order (Mo. Const. art. III, §§ 3(b), 7(c)):
  - Districts must **deviate no more than 1%** from the average population, with up to 3% deviation to follow political boundaries
  - Districts cannot be drawn to deny or abridge right to vote based on race, nor drawn to deny any voter the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice
  - Districts must be **contiguous** and as **compact** as possible
  - Communities must be preserved following county and municipal lines, with as few splits as possible
  - Districts shall be drawn for partisan fairness and competitiveness