Redistricting Rules: North Dakota Timeline

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

Court & County Prep

Recommendation to call special session to meet this proposed timeline.
Who draws the lines?

- State legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature**, and are subject to a gubernatorial veto

- North Dakota only has one congressional district
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 as **equal in population** as possible (N.D. Const. art. IV, § 2, N.D. Code § 54-03-01.5(5)).
- State legislative districts must be contiguous and compact (N.D. Const. art. IV, § 2, N.D. Code § 54-03-01.5(5)).
- State legislative districts are nested so one Senator and two Representatives are elected from each district (N.D. Const. art. IV, § 2, N.D. Code § 54-03-01.5(5)).