Redistricting Rules: Pennsylvania

- **Apportm’t data** 4.30.21
- **Raw Redistricting data** 8.15.21
- **Redistricting data** 9.30.21
- **12.29.21 State Maps Due** (90 days from Data release)
- **3.08.22 Candidate Filing**
- **5.17.22 Primary Election**

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

**Approx. 3 months:** Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

**Approx. 2 months:** Court & County Prep
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Who draws the lines?

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

- State legislative lines are **drawn by a five-member commission** (each of the majority and minority leaders from each chamber selects one commissioner, those four select a fifth) (Pa. Const. art. II, § 17(b)).
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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
- Districts should be **as nearly equal in pop.** as practicable (Pa. Const. Art. II, § 16)
- State legislative districts must be contiguous and compact, respecting existing jurisdictional boundaries unless “absolutely necessary” (Pa. Const. Art. II, § 16)
- Cannot dilute ability to elect candidates of choice on basis of partisanship for both congressional and state districts (League of Women Voters of Pa. v. PA)
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

www.redistricting.state.pa.us