Redistricting Rules: South Dakota Timeline

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

Approx. 2 mo.:
Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

Court & County Prep


Apportm’t data 4.30.21
Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21
Redistricting data 9.30.21
12.1.22 State Maps Due
3.29.22 Candidate Filing
6.07.22 Primary Election

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Who draws the lines?

► State legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute and are subject to a gubernatorial veto

► South Dakota only has one congressional district
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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
- State legislative districts must be populated as nearly equally "as is practicable," and contiguous and compact (S.D. Const. art. III, § 5)
- State legislative districts are nested, so one state Senator and two state Representatives are elected from each district, except for one Senate district that is divided into two House districts (S.D. Const. art. III, § 5)
- For the 2020 redistricting cycles, the state legislature has issued more criteria for line drawing: protection of communities of interest, respect for geographical and political boundaries, and protection of minority voting rights (S.D. Codified Laws § 2-2-41)