Redistricting Rules: Texas Timeline

Apportm’t data 4.30.21

Deadline for state leg maps (end of session) 05.31.21

Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21

Deadline for back up commission to enact maps 10.31.21

Redistrict’g data 9.30.21

Candidate Filing 12.13.21

Primary Election 03.01.22

If legislature fails to enact a plan by end of legislative session, a commission (Lt. Gov, House Speaker, Attorney Gen, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commr of General Land Office) must enact redistricting plan within 150 days of the conclusion of session. Id. art. III, § 28.
Redistricting Rules: Texas Proposed Timeline

**Proposed Adjusted Timeline**

- **Apportionment data**: 4.30.21
- **Raw Redistricting data**: 8.15.21
- **Redistricting data**: 9.30.21

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

**Proposed 3 mo. Oct 1-Dec 31:**
- Process data, hold hearings, complete maps

**Court and County process**

**Move Leg session to finish state leg maps 12.31.21**

**Move Candidate Filing 2.22**

**Move Primary Election Apr or May**

**PROPOSED ADJUSTED TIMELINE**

- **Feb 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**
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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**, but if the state legislature fails to pass a plan, it goes to a 5-member backup commission (Tex. Const. art. III, § 28).
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 (Tex. Const. Art. III, § 26)
- State legislative districts must be **contiguous** and **preserve whole counties** when possible (Tex. Const. Art. III, §§ 25-26)
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

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