Redistricting Rules: Virginia Timeline (C)

- **Approx. 3 months:**
  - Process census data,
  - Display draft maps,
  - Hold hearings, complete maps

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

Timeline:
- **Apportm’t data 4.30.21**
- **Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21**
- **Redistricting data 9.30.21**
- **1.4.22 Cong. Maps Due**
- **3.31.22 Candidate Filing**
- **6.14.22 Primary Election**
Redistricting Rules: Virginia Rules

Who draws the lines?

- Congressional lines are **drawn by a commission** composed of eight legislators and eight citizen commissioners, subject to state legislative approval.

- State legislative lines are **drawn by the same commission** composed of legislators and citizens, subject to state legislative approval.
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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 must be **proportionally populated** as practicable; state legislative districts may deviate from average pop. no more than 5% (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6)

- Districts must provide where practicable racial and ethnic communities the opportunity to elect **candidates of choice** and districts cannot be drawn to abridge the right to vote based on race, color, language (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6)

- Districts must be **contiguous** and **compact**, preserve communities of interest, and cannot favor or disfavor any party (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6, Va. Code § 24.2-304.04)
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

▶ www.virginia-redistricting.org/Default.aspx