Redistricting Rules: Vermont Timeline

- Apportionment data: 4.30.21
- Raw Redistricting data: 8.15.21
- Redistricting data: 9.30.21
- Candidate Filing: 5.26.22
- Primary Election: 8.09.22

Key Dates:
- 7.1.21: Committee Proposal for State Senate Maps Due
- 8.15.21: Committee Proposal for State House Maps Due

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Redistricting Rules: Proposed VT Timeline

- **Approx. 3 months:** Process data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps
- **At least 5 months:** Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony
- **Court & County Prep**

**Proposed Adjustment**

- **Move to 1.15.22 Comm. Proposal for State Senate**
- **Move to 3.1.22 Comm. Proposal for State House**

**Propositions:**

- **Proposition 1:**
  - **Apportm’t data 4.30.21**
  - **Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21**
  - **Redistricting data 9.30.21**

- **Proposition 2:**
  - **At least 5 months:** Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony
  - **Approx. 3 months:** Process data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

- **Proposition 3:**
  - **Court & County Prep**

- **Proposition 4:**
  - **Move to 1.15.22 Comm. Proposal for State Senate**
  - **Move to 3.1.22 Comm. Proposal for State House**

- **Proposition 5:**
  - **5.26.22 Candidate Filing**
  - **8.09.22 Primary Election**
Redistricting Rules: Vermont Rules

Who draws the lines?

- Vermont only has one congressional district
- State legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature** and subject to a gubernatorial veto
- The legislature receives input from a seven-member advisory commission (the Vermont Apportionment Board). The commission recommends plans to the legislature, which may adopt, modify, or ignore the commission’s proposals (17 Vt. Stat. § 1904)
- The Governor chooses one commissioner from each political party that had at least 3 state legislators for six of the previous ten years (Democrats, Republicans, and Progressives) with at least 3 state legislators, each of those parties’ state committee chair picks a commissioner, and the Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court chooses a special master to be chair. No commissioner may be a member or employee of the state legislature (17 Vt. Stat. § 1904)
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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 are to be drawn with the "minimum percentages of deviation" (17 Vt. Stat. § 1904)
- "Insofar as practicable," state legislative districts must be contiguous and geographically compact and adhere to county and other political subdivision boundaries, except where necessary to comply with other legal requirements. Districts should maintain "patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests." (Vt. Const. ch. II, §§ 13, 18, 17 VT. Stat. § 1903)
- Legislative districts may be drawn as multimember districts, with a maximum of three Senators per state Senate district and two Representatives per state House district (17 VT. Stat. §§ 1906a, 1906c, 1907)