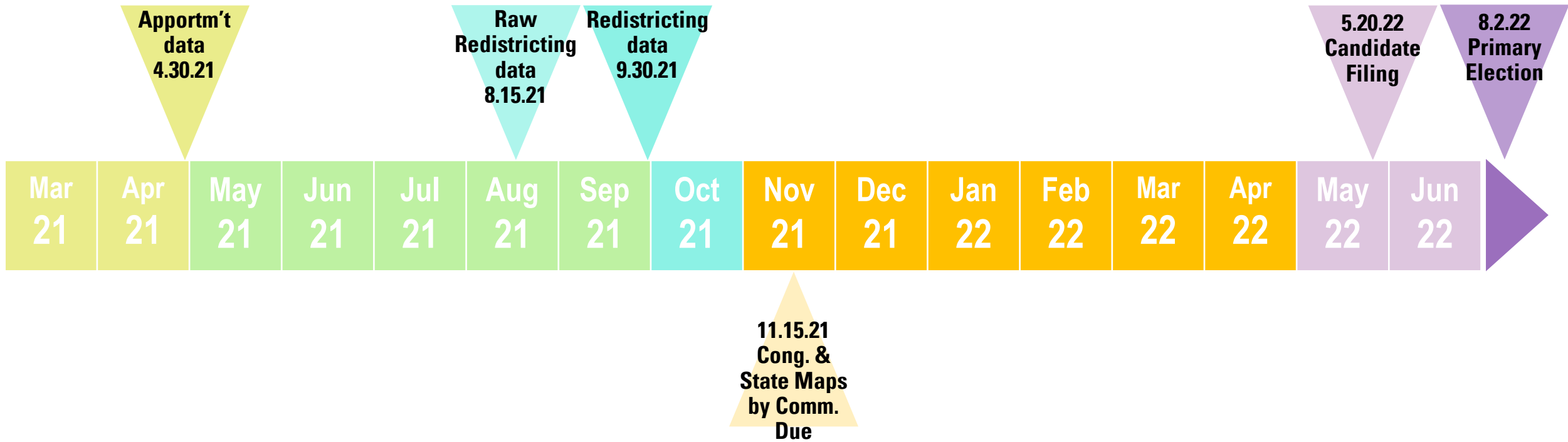
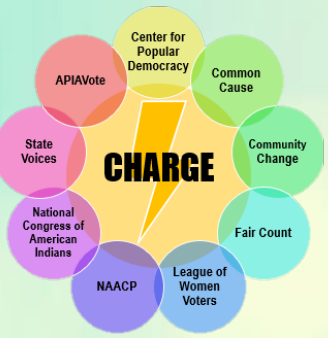
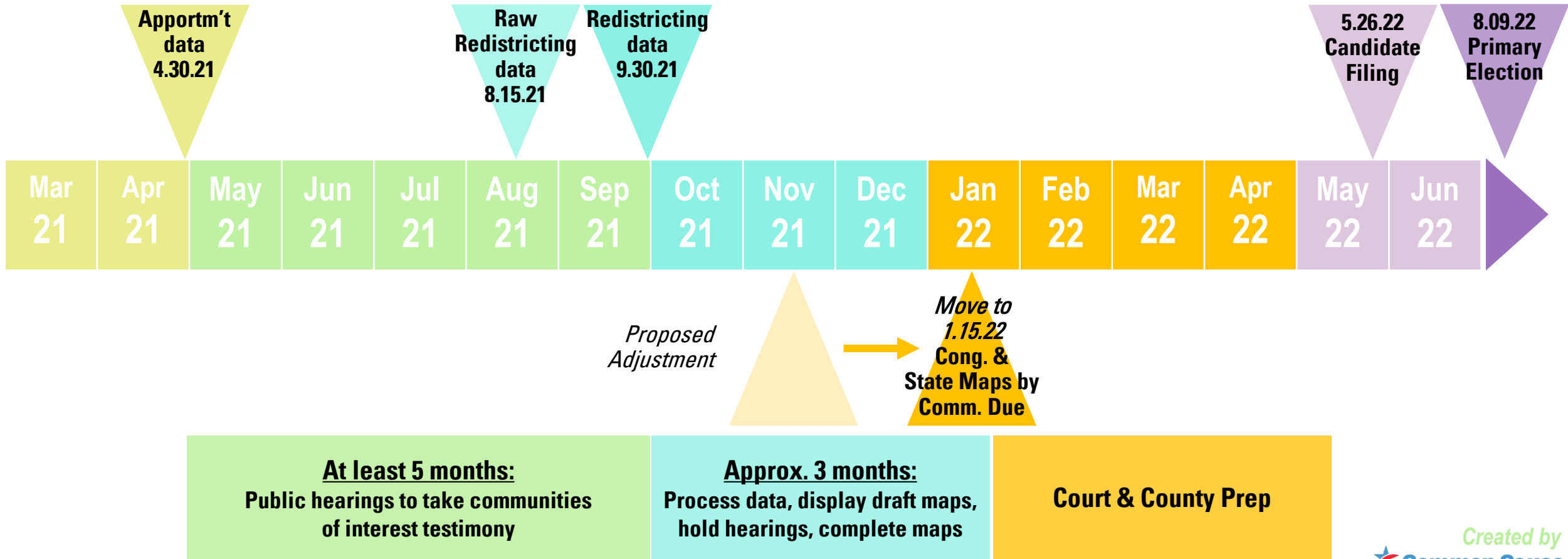


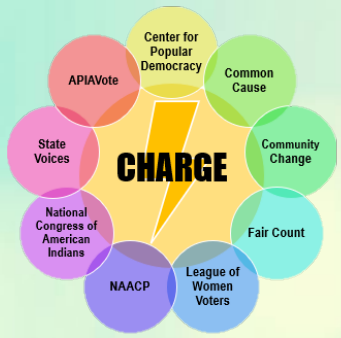
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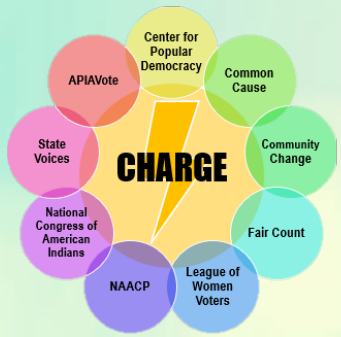




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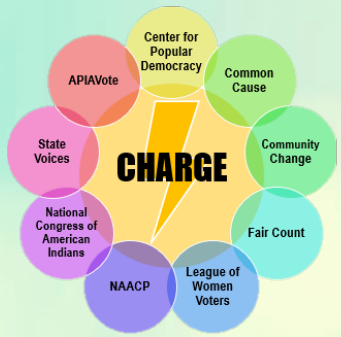
- ▶ Congressional and State legislative lines are **drawn by a five-member independent commission** (each of the majority and minority leaders from each chamber selects one commissioner, those four select a fifth) (Wash. Const. Art. II, § 43(3))



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## What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements and state constitution further requires that state legislative districts be equally populated "as nearly as practicable"
- ▶ Adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ▶ To the extent reasonable, congressional and legislative districts should be **contiguous, compact, and convenient**, and follow natural geographic, artificial, or political subdivision boundaries. (Wash. Const. Art. II § 43(5))
- ▶ Must not be purposely drawn to favor or discriminate against any political group/party
- ▶ Drawn to preserve communities of interest and divide counties and municipalities as little as possible
- ▶ Provide fair and effective representation and to encourage electoral competition



# Redistricting Rules: Washington Public Access

Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

► [www.redistricting.wa.gov](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov)