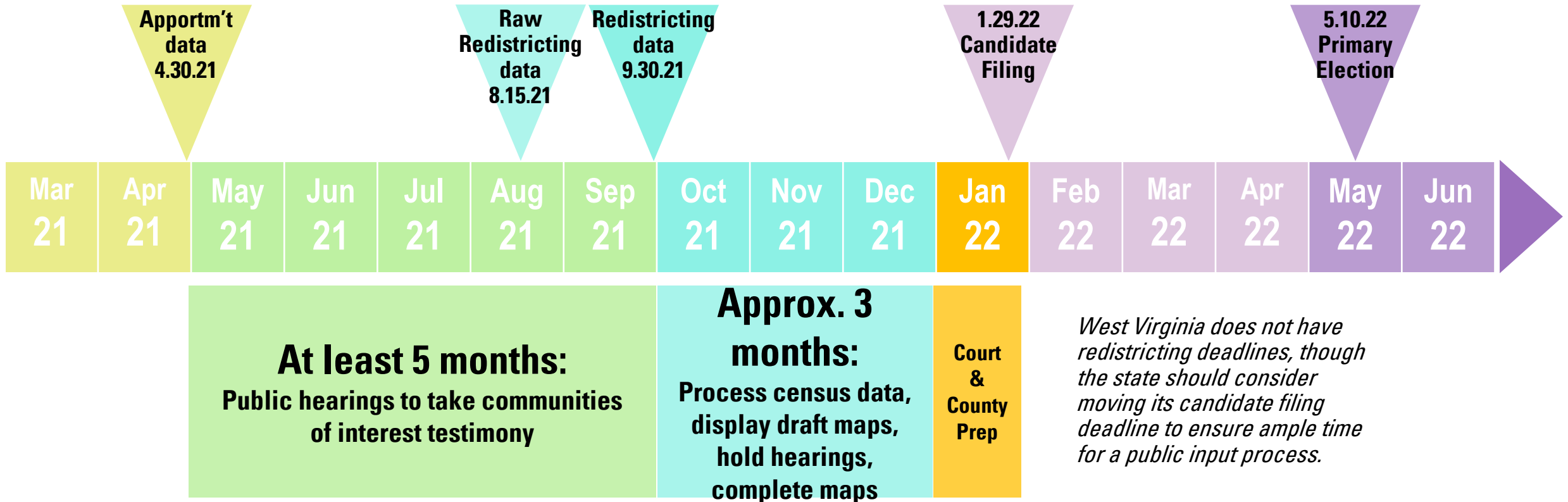
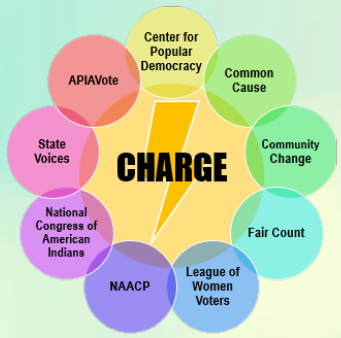


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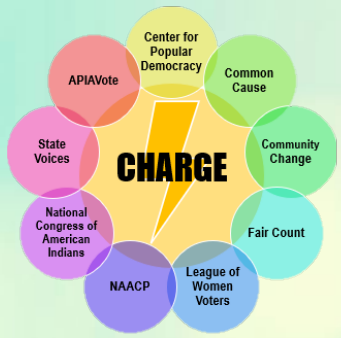




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Who draws the lines?

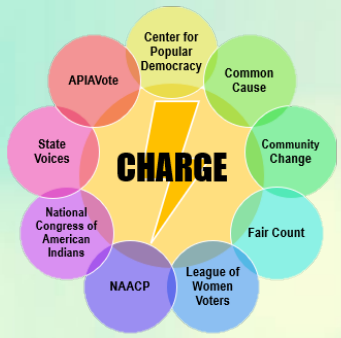
- ▶ Congressional and state legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute and subject to a gubernatorial veto



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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
- ▶ Congressional and state Senate districts must be compact, contiguous, and preserve county lines. State legislative districts may be multimember districts (W. Va. Const. art. I, § 4, art. VI, § 4)
- ▶ The State Court has given the legislature flexibility to in terms of compactness and crossing state lines for state Senate districts in order to achieve equal population, and state that there are no similar requirements for state Delegate districts (West Virginia ex rel. Cooper v. Tennant, 730 S.E.2d 368 (W. Va. 2012), Holloway v. Hechler, 817 F.Supp.618 (S.D.W.Va. 1992))
- ▶ The [Senate Redistricting Act of 2011](#) required that state Senate districts account for communities of interest.



Redistricting Rules: West VA Public Access

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

► www.wvlegislature.gov/redistricting.cfm