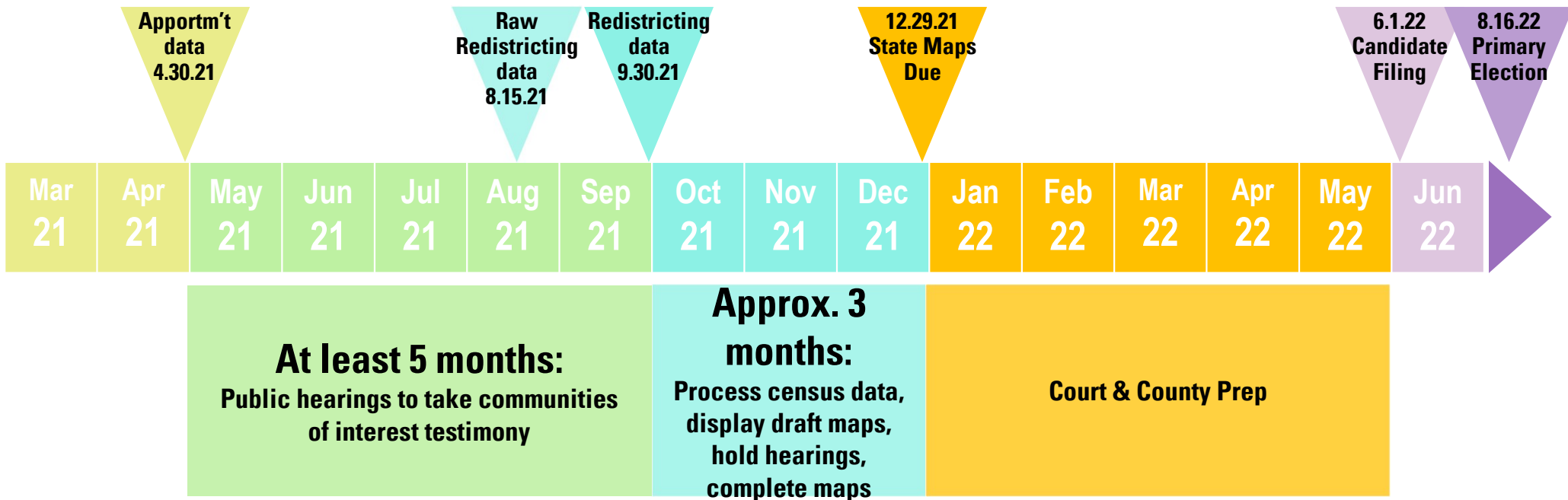




Redistricting Rules: Alaska Timeline





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Who draws the lines?

- ▶ Alaska only has one congressional district
- ▶ A 5-member independent commission draws the state legislative lines (Alaska Const. art. VI, § 8)



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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 must be as equally populated as possible (Alaska Const. art. VI, § 6)
- ▶ The commission must first draw lines according to state criteria, and then, if necessary, adjust the maps to comply with the voting rights act (In re 2011 Redistricting Cases, 294 P.3d 1032, 1037-38 (Alaska 2012))
- ▶ State legislative districts must be contiguous and compact, contain a "relatively integrated socio-economic area," and account for local government and geographical features (Alaska Const. art. VI, § 6)
- ▶ State legislative districts must be nested (One Senate district contains two House districts)