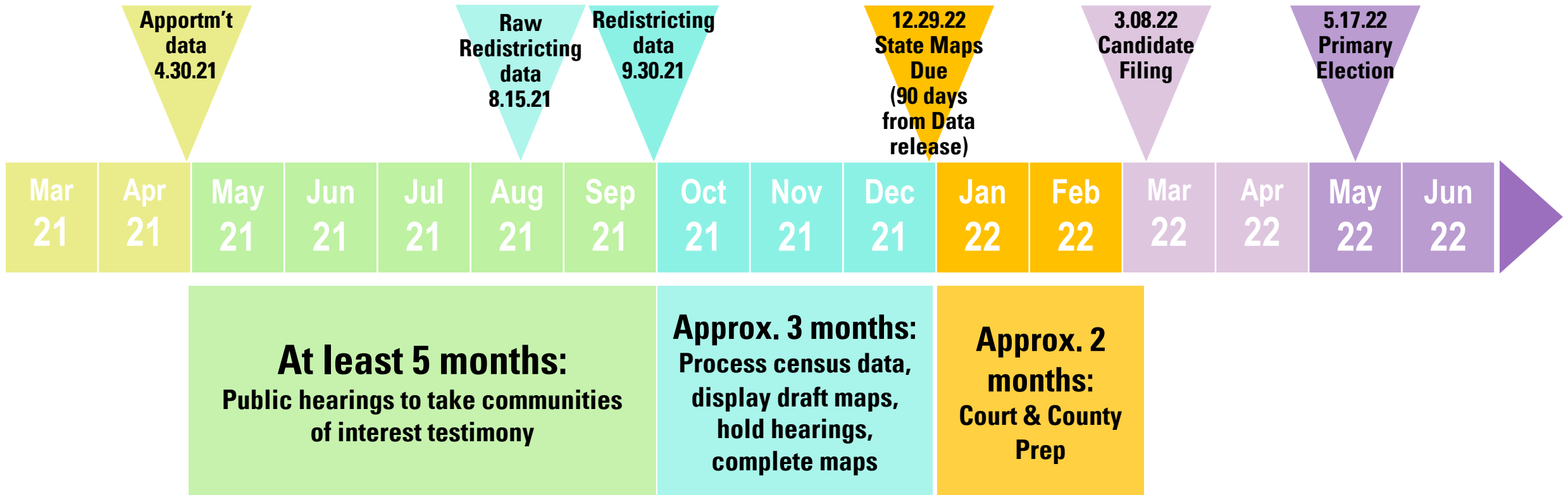
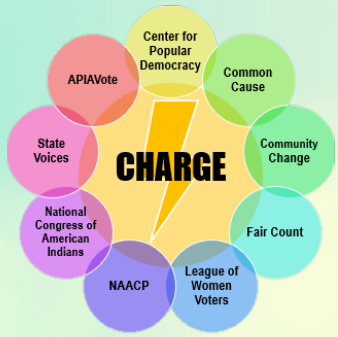


Redistricting Rules: Pennsylvania

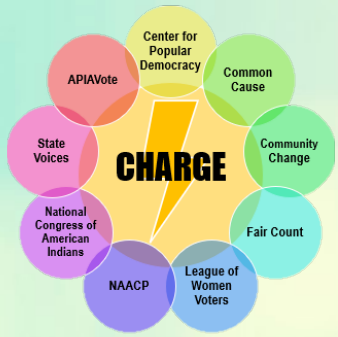




Redistricting Rules: Pennsylvania Rules

Who draws the lines?

- ▶ Congressional lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute subject to gubernatorial veto
- ▶ State legislative lines are **drawn by a five-member commission** (each of the majority and minority leaders from each chamber selects one commissioner, those four select a fifth) (Pa. Const. art. II, § 17(b))



Redistricting Rules: Pennsylvania Rules

What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ▶ Districts should be **as nearly equal in pop.** as practicable (Pa. Const. Art. II, § 16)
- ▶ State legislative districts must be contiguous and compact, respecting existing jurisdictional boundaries unless “absolutely necessary” (Pa. Const. Art. II, § 16)
- ▶ Cannot dilute ability to elect candidates of choice on basis of partisanship for both congressional and state districts (League of Women Voters of Pa. v. PA)