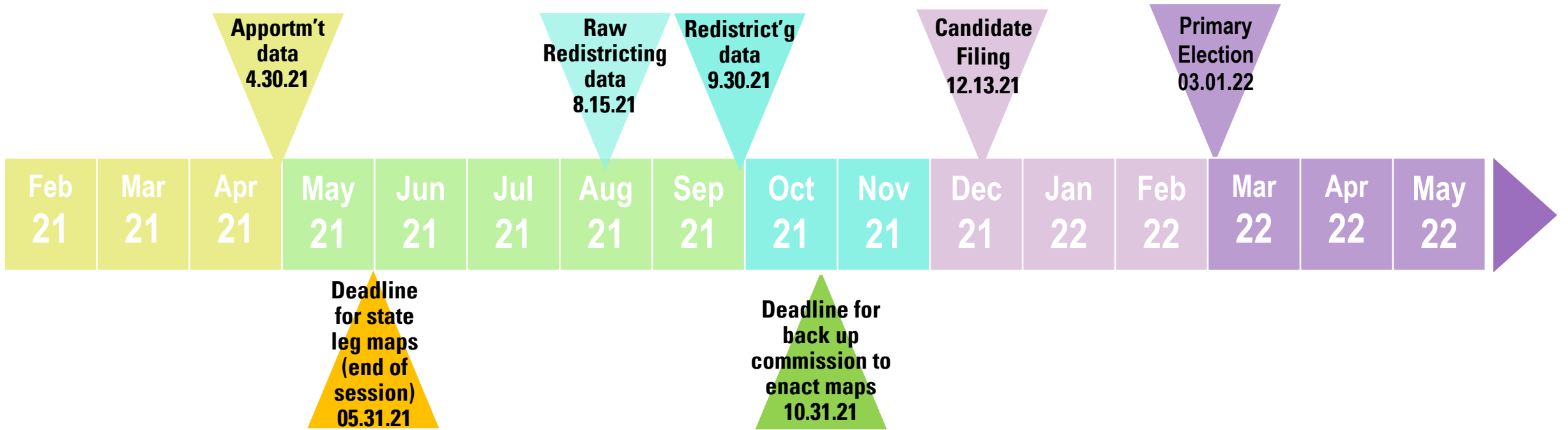
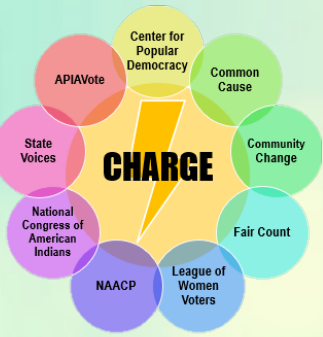


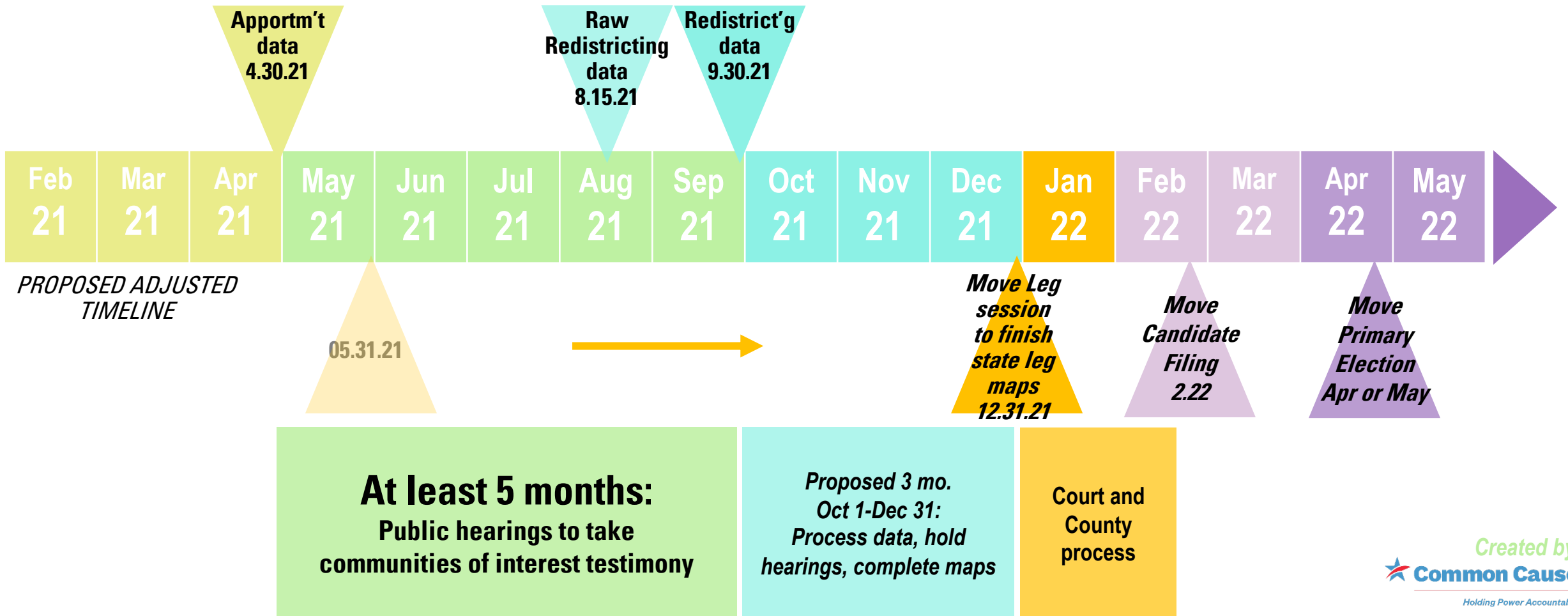
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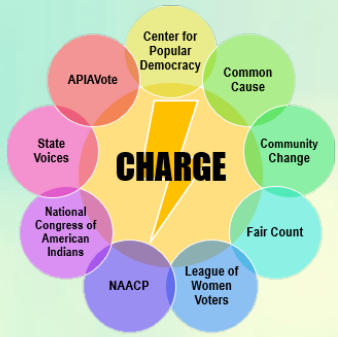


If legislature fails to enact a plan by end of legislative session, a commission (Lt. Gov, House Speaker, Attorney Gen, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commr of General Land Office) must enact redistricting plan within 150 days of the conclusion of session. Id. art. III, § 28.



# Redistricting Rules: Texas Proposed Timeline

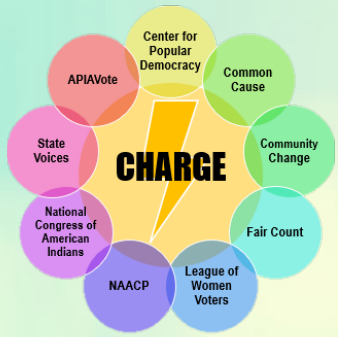




# Redistricting Rules: Texas Rules

## Who draws the lines?

- ▶ Congressional lines are **drawn by the state legislature** as a statute and are subject to a gubernatorial veto
- ▶ State legislative lines are **drawn by the state legislature**, but if the state legislature fails to pass a plan, it goes to a 5-member backup commission (Tex. Const. art. III, § 28)



# Redistricting Rules: Texas Rules

## 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 **equal in population** as possible (Tex. Const. Art. III, § 26)
- ▶ State legislative districts must be **contiguous** and **preserve whole counties** when possible (Tex. Const. Art. III, §§ 25-26)