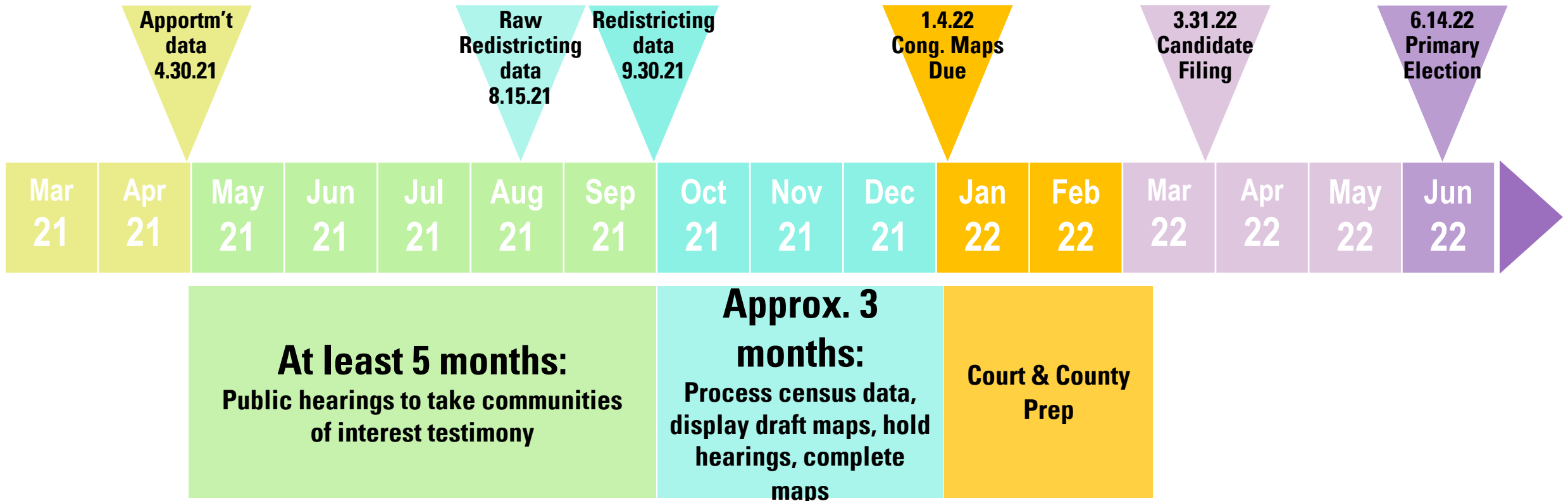
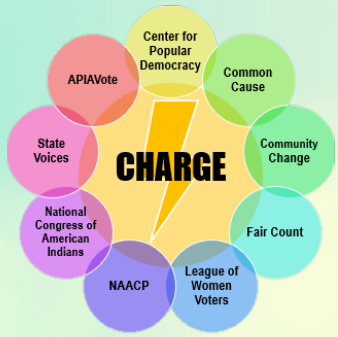


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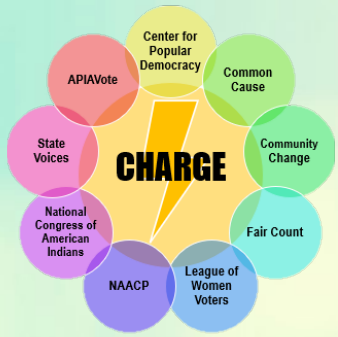




# Redistricting Rules: Virginia Rules

## Who draws the lines?

- ▶ Congressional lines are **drawn by a commission** composed of eight legislators and eight citizen commissioners, subject to state legislative approval
- ▶ State legislative lines are **drawn by the same commission** composed of legislators and citizens, subject to state legislative approval



# Redistricting Rules: Virginia Rules

## What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ▶ Districts must be **proportionally populated** as practicable; state legislative districts may deviate from average pop. no more than 5% (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6)
- ▶ Districts must provide where practicable racial and ethnic communities the opportunity to elect **candidates of choice** and districts cannot be drawn to abridge the right to vote based on race, color, language (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6)
- ▶ Districts must be **contiguous** and **compact**, preserve communities of interest, and cannot favor or disfavor any party (Va. Const. Art. II, § 6, Va. Code § 24.2-304.04)