

Ideal Districting and Apportionment Schedule

- 2008 Census 2010 - Phase II Voter Tabulation District Project participation decision and subsequent action. Develop D&A budget for 2011 biennium and inclusion in LSD budget proposal.
- Session 2009 Art. V. section 14. - ...in each session preceding each federal population census, a commission...shall be selected. 5-1-102, MCA. Majority and minority leaders of each house shall each designate a commissioner from one of 4 districts. Within 20 days after their designation, the four commissioners shall select a chairman.
- 5-1-101, MCA: The redistricting is based on the number of members in the house of representatives and the senate to be determined in the legislative session before the census (2009 session).
- Need to consider budget for preliminary meetings, training, hardware and software, contract services. Budget proposal contains a biennial appropriation.
- 2009-2010 Preliminary Commission work: organization, criteria, census data, review of lawsuits (4 meetings).
- after July 1, 2009 Purchase redistricting hardware and software for preparation, testing, training, loading data from 1990 redistricting cycle, and contract work that must be accomplished.
- April 1, 2010 Federal decennial census
- Session 2011 Budget for remainder of Commission meetings and public hearings, maintenance and support of system.
- By April 1, 2011
Census figures available: triggers congressional and legislative redistricting.
- 90 days from receipt of census figures
Final plan for congressional districts must be filed with Secretary of State
- 2011-2012 Begin legislative redistricting: must hold 1 public hearing (anticipate app. 12 public hearings plus 10 other Commission meetings).
- Session 2013 Commission must submit plan for legislative redistricting by the 10th Legislative Day. Within 30 days the Legislature must return the plan with recommendations, within 30 days the plan is filed with the Secretary of State, becomes law, and Commission is dissolved. Budget needed for maintenance and support of system.
- Post 2013 Session
Legislative Services Division maintenance and support of system in order to support Clerks and Recorders, Legislators, Legislative candidates, and public to transition and understand new districts. Support any future lawsuits and Bureau of the Census projects for 2020 Census, etc.