

Phases of the State Legislative Redistricting Process

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

PHASE ONE

May - June
2022

- Complete prisoner reallocation and racial bloc voting analysis projects
- Set tentative timeline and process for state legislative redistricting
- Issue call for public to submit state legislative maps
- Receive state legislative maps from the public

PHASE TWO

July - Aug
2022

- Receive state legislative maps from the public
- Decide draft state legislative maps to use for public hearings
- Begin public hearings on draft state legislative maps

PHASE THREE

Sept - Oct
2022

- Continue public hearings on draft state legislative maps
- Complete initial public hearings by late September
- Observe a "quiet period" prior to the November 2022 elections

PHASE FOUR

Nov - Dec
2022

- Determine tentative boundaries of 100 House Districts
- Receive comments on House Districts, including potential pairings to construct Senate Districts
- Assign holdover senators
- Hold at least one hearing at State Capitol on state legislative redistricting plan (House Districts, Senate pairings, and holdover assignments)
- Vote to submit proposed state legislative plan to the 2023 Legislature

PHASE FIVE

Jan - Mar
2023

- Submit state legislative redistricting plan to 2023 Legislature by the 10th Legislative Day
- Receive legislative recommendations (The Legislature has 30 days after receiving the plan to provide recommendations.)
- Take final public comments on state legislative redistricting plan
- Revise the state legislative plan (if wanted)
- Submit the state legislative redistricting plan to the Montana Secretary of State (within 30 days of receiving legislative recommendations)