

2021 Redistricting

Process & Changes in Elections Code



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What is Redistricting?

Adjustments to supervisorial district boundary lines after a federal census.



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California Elections Code changed how redistricting must be conducted in 2021.

- Assembly Bill 849
FAIR MAPS Act of 2019
- Assembly Bill 1276



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Proposed Timeline

March – April
2021

- Form commission.
- Retain consultant.

May – July
2021

- Distribute pre-redistricting maps to public.

June – September
2021

- Hold one or more pre-draft hearings or workshops.

November
2021

- California census data delivered to county.
- Distribute post-redistricting maps to public.
- Hold two or more post-draft hearings or workshops.

December
2021

- Adopt final map.

January
2022

- Produce legal descriptions.
- Update redistricting data to county GIS.
- Update elections management system.



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Several factors may impact the proposed timeline.

- Current deadline to adopt a final map: December 15.
 - In-lieu period begins December 16 for June 2022 election.
 - Election in lieu period must begin 28 days after map adoption.
 - Reduced in-lieu period begins January 13, 2022.
- Census data distribution may be further delayed.
- June 2022 election may be moved to August - September 2022 extending final map adoption deadline.
 - August 2 Election: February 9, 2022
 - September 6 Election: March 17, 2022



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Types of Commissions

Independent Functions separate from Board.

- Increases political neutrality.

Advisory Functions under authority of Board.

- Increases community participation.

Hybrid Blends independent and hybrid models.

- The board must accept one of the proposed maps.
- Commission may reject amendment requests of the Board.



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The Board may select commissioners in a variety of ways.

- Political Appointment
- Independent Appointment
- Random Draw & Commission Appointment
- Retired Judges



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The FAIR MAPS Act of 2019 (AB 849) is crafted to increase community engagement.

- Educate community throughout process.
- Encourage participation of underrepresented communities.
- Work with government and community organizations to provide information.
- Ensure accessibility of in-person and online viewing options.
- Maintain accessible website.



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The Board faces several challenges.

- Complex federal and state redistricting laws.
- COVID-19 obstacles for conducting meetings and encouraging participation.
- Delays in census data release have condensed time frame to complete project.



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Benefits of Retaining a Consultant

- Subject matter expertise of laws.
- Resources and efficiencies for community outreach and engagement.
- Assistance drawing district lines and maps.
- Increased neutrality of redistricting project.
- Timely project completion.



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Departments Involved in Process

Board of Supervisors

- Guides redistricting process.

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- Updates changes to elections management system.

County Counsel

- Provides legal guidance for process.

Planning & Building

- Updates changes to county GIS.

Public Works – Surveyor

- Reviews and submits legal descriptions to the board.

Departments will continue to play a role if a redistricting consultant is retained.



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