

The Reapportionment Commission consists of 11 members:

1 each - Senate Majority Leader, House Speaker, Senate Minority Leader, and House Minority Leader

3 - Governor

4 - Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court

Criteria - Federal law and the Colorado constitution:

1 - "one person, one vote" mandate requires equal population among the districts, and the Colorado constitution defines this mandate as no more than 5% deviation between the most populous district and the least populous district.

2 - The federal "Voting Rights Act" requires that districts be drawn so as to give minority groups an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.

Other state constitutional criteria include:

- The area within a district must be as compact as possible and the sum of the perimeters of all districts must be as short as possible.
- Districts must be composed of contiguous election precincts.
- Counties and cities cannot be split unless necessary to achieve equal population

Finally, communities of interest- ethnic, economic, cultural, demographic, trade area and geographic- are to be preserved within a single district whenever possible.

September 5, 2011- Date by which commission publishes preliminary plan for reapportionment. The constitution directs the commission to adopt a preliminary plan within 113 days after the commission is convened (by September 5, 2011) and then to hold public hearings within 45 days after publication of the preliminary plan. However, because 2012 is a presidential electoral year. Precinct Caucuses will be held the first Tuesday in February rather than the third Tuesday in March. Therefore the Preliminary plan and Public hearings must be held earlier than the Constitution requires.

October 7, 2011- Date by which commission finalizes plan and submits it to Colorado Supreme Court for review (within 45 days of completion of public hearings)

November 9, 2011- Date by which all arguments and evidence submitted to Supreme Court.

December 14, 2011- If plan is approved by Supreme Court, date by which the plan for redistricting state legislative district is filed with the Secretary of State

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