

**WORK PLAN FOR
2009-2013 DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

Amended and adopted September 24, 2009

(proposed meeting times in **bold**)

Date	Event/Action
Fall 2009 - Spring 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase redistricting hardware and software • Prepare and test software; staff trains on software
April 1, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal decennial census
Spring 2010 - early Fall 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review redistricting laws-federal and state • Conduct at least three hearings on redistricting criteria. (1 in west; 1 in east; 1 in Helena) • Adopt mandatory and discretionary redistricting criteria • Adopt operational guidelines
January - April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62nd Legislative Session
by April 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census figures available: congressional redistricting triggered
April 2011 (90 days from receipt of Census figures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff prepare congressional plans • Hold public hearing and adopt congressional plan • File final plan with Secretary of State
Post-session 2011 - 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff analysis of Census data and population change • Begin legislative redistricting, including staff visits, member input, and plan preparation • Adopt public hearing schedule and hold hearings • Tentative adoption of plans • Assign senate districts • Final adoption of plan to submit to Legislature
Late 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory public hearing at Capitol on final plan

by 10th Legislative Day, 2013 Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit legislative redistricting plan to Legislature for review
Date	Event/Action
Within 30 days of submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature must return plan to Commission with recommendations
Within 30 days of return from Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act on recommendations, <i>if desired</i> • File plan with Secretary of State • Plan becomes law • Commission dissolved

- ▶ The new congressional districts may be filed for in 2012 and will be effective in 2013.
- ▶ The new legislative districts may be filed for in 2014 and will be effective in 2015.

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