

Commission Operating Procedures: Worksheet  
for consideration July 12, 2011

1. General operating guidelines

- Option A: Statewide
- Option B: Regional
- Other:

2. Initial public comment

- Solicit public comments but do not hold hearings
- Hold hearings to solicit public comments
- Issue an op-ed to inform the public of the commission's desire for comments
- Other options?
- If the commissioners would like to encourage public comment before maps are drawn, what questions do they want the public to address?

3. Publicly submitted plans

- Require one/two/three commissioners to "sponsor" a publicly submitted plan if the commission is to consider formally as an option
- Require that each submitted plan be accompanied by a written explanation of the mandatory and/or discretionary criteria that justify any deviations from the ideal population

4. Population and geographic database

- Use the official, final results of the 2010 federal decennial census (in the form of the P.L. 94-171 data) as the exclusive permissible database of population for use in developing the state legislative redistricting plan

5. Racial/ethnic data

- Use numbers and percentages from the P.L. 94-171 data for the following groups: total population; American Indian (any part); voting age American Indian (any part); Hispanic origin; voting age Hispanic origin. If commissioners or the public has questions on other racial groups or pairings, the commission can request additional reports or information.

6. Copies of maps

- Provide maps to county clerks/recorders and election administrators, party central committees, and tribal officials
- Provide maps to other entities or individuals at cost of printing and mailing

7. Other elements of operating guidelines for discussion?