

Ideal Districting and Apportionment Schedule

- 1998 Census 2000 - Phase II Voter Tabulation District Project participation decision and subsequent action. Develop D&A budget for 1999/2000 biennium and inclusion in LSD budget proposal.
- Session 1999 Art. V. section 14. - ...in each session preceding each federal population census, a commission...shall be selected. 5-1-102, MCA. Majority and minority leaders of each house shall each designate a commissioner from one of 4 districts. Within 20 days after their designation, the four commissioners shall select a chairman.
- 5-1-101, MCA: The redistricting is based on the number of members in the house of representatives and the senate to be determined in the legislative session before the census (1999).
- Need to consider budget for preliminary meetings, training, hardware and software, contract services. House Bill No. 2 contains a \$50,316 biennial appropriation.
- 1999-2000 Preliminary Commission work: organization, criteria, census data, review of lawsuits (4 meetings).
- after July 1, 1999 Purchase redistricting hardware and software for preparation, testing, training, loading data from 1990 redistricting cycle, and contract work that must be accomplished.
- April 1, 2000 Federal decennial census
- Session 2001 Budget for remainder of Commission meetings and public hearings, maintenance and support of system.
- By April 1, 2001 Census figures available: triggers congressional and legislative redistricting.
- 90 days from receipt of census figures
Final plan for congressional districts must be filed with Secretary of State
- 2001-2002 Begin legislative redistricting: must hold 1 public hearing (anticipate 12 public hearings plus 10 other Commission meetings).
- Session 2003 Commission must submit plan for legislative redistricting by the 10th Legislative Day. Within 30 days the Legislature must return the plan with recommendations, within 30 days the plan is filed with the Secretary of State, becomes law, and Commission is dissolved. Budget needed for maintenance and support of system.
- Post 2003 Session
Legislative Services Division maintenance and support of system in order to support Clerks and Recorders, Legislators, Legislative candidates, and public to transition and understand new districts. Support future lawsuits and Bureau of the Census projects for 2010 Census, etc.

Assumptions: PC-based system, high quality map printer/plotter, conversion of 1990 data for 2000 system.
Legislature retains odd year, biennial sessions.