

WORK PLAN FOR DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Adopted 12/13/99

(Proposed meeting times in bold.)

Traditional Schedule

January 15, 2000	Request for Proposals released
March 2000	Attend NCSL Redistricting Seminar
March 15, 2000	Deadline for Proposals. Schedule demonstrations.
May 15, 2000	Choose redistricting software vendor.
Spring - Fall 2000	Purchase redistricting hardware and software for preparation, testing, training, loading data from 1990 redistricting cycle, and contract work that must be accomplished.
Decision Points:	Choose data set (adjusted or unadjusted) Review redistricting law and lawsuit on last round Adopt redistricting criteria Choose starting point, methods. Adopt process: staff visits, member input, plan preparation, public hearings, tentative adoption of plans, assignment of senate districts, adoption of plan to submit to legislature, legislative amendments, final adoption.
April 1, 2000	Federal decennial census
January - April 2001	Legislative Session
By April 1, 2001	Census figures available: triggers congressional redistricting.
April 2001	Staff prepare congressional plans, Commission holds public hearing, adopts plan.
90 days from receipt of census figures	Final plan for congressional districts must be filed with Secretary of State
After 2001 Session	Staff analysis: Census data population changes summary. Begin legislative redistricting: staff visits, member input, plan preparation, Adopt public hearing schedule, tentative adoption of plans, assignment of senate districts, adoption of plan to submit to legislature.

2001-2002

Public hearings (approx 10-12, 1 mandatory at State Capitol on final plan) and Committee meetings (3-4).

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.

2002 election

New congressional district may be filed for and effective 2003.

2004 election

New legislative districts may be filed for and effective 2005.