

Language for Potential Amendment to Operating Procedures on Public Map Submissions
For consideration at August 2021 Districting and Apportionment Commission meeting

Amendment 2: Use of publicly submitted map for hearings.

Background: The 2010 Commission adopted this language when it planned a series of hearings on statewide state legislative draft maps. The 2020 commissioners discussed this language at their July 2021 meetings but requested to consider it again in August.

Language: If the commission wishes to use a publicly submitted plan as one of the several upon which it will seek public comment in a series of hearings, the plan must be offered for consideration by at least one member of the commission. The commission may hold a hearing to narrow the number of maps it will use for the public hearings. If the commission decides to use a publicly submitted map as one on which it will seek public comment, the commission may direct staff to review the map for accuracy and completeness (all blocks are assigned) and make nonsubstantive changes to ensure that the maps are consistent (district lines don't jump back and forth over highways or rivers with no population gains).