DRAFT - Phases of the State Legislative Redistricting Process - DRAFT

For consideration by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

Phase 1:

May to June 2022

- Complete prisoner reallocation and racial bloc voting analysis projects
- Set tentative timeline and process for state legislative redistricting
- Issue call for public to submit state legislative maps
- Receive state legislative maps from the public

Phase 2:

July to August 2022

- Receive state legislative maps from the public
- Decide draft state legislative maps to use for public hearings
- Begin public hearings on draft state legislative maps

Phase 3:

September to October 2022

- Continue public hearings on draft state legislative maps
- Complete initial public hearings by late September or early October
- Observe a "quiet period" prior to the November 2022 elections

• Determine tentative boundaries of 100 House Districts

- Receive comments on House Districts, including potential pairings to construct Senate Districts
- Assign holdover senators

Phase 4: November to December 2022

- Hold at least one hearing at State Capitol on state legislative redistricting plan (House Districts, Senate pairings, and holdover assignments)
- Vote to submit proposed state legislative plan to the 2023 Legislature

Phase 5:

January to March 2023

- Submit state legislative redistricting plan to 2023 Legislature by the 10th Legislative Day
- Receive legislative recommendations (The Legislature has 30 days after receiving the plan to provide recommendations.)
- Take final public comments on state legislative redistricting plan
- Revise the state legislative plan (if wanted)
- Submit the state legislative redistricting plan to the Montana Secretary of State (within 30 days of receiving legislative recommendations)

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