

Minnesota Redistricting Process 2010

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Why Redistrict?

- Reapportionment of Congressional Seats

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Congressional Reapportionment 2010



Why Redistrict?

- Population Shifts within State

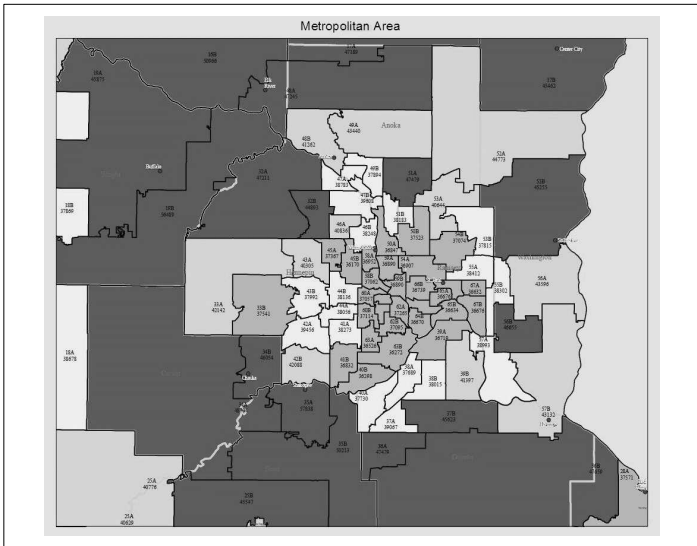
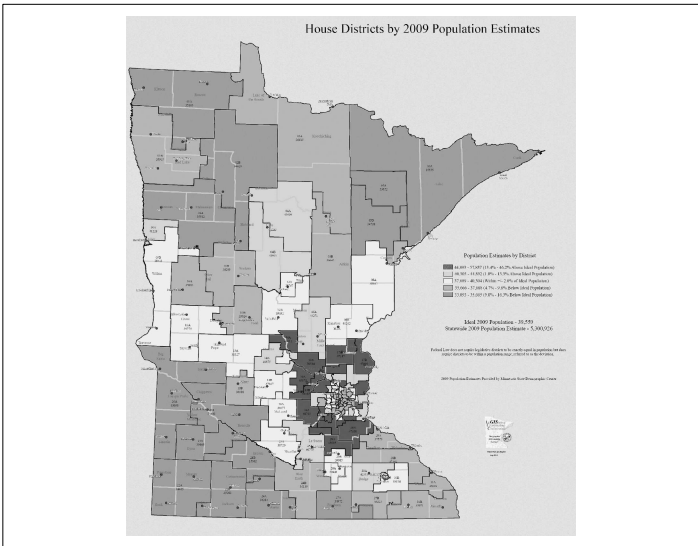
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Equal Population

The Facts of Life

- Absolute Numbers are Less Important than Relative Numbers
- Growth Slower than Average
 - Area Will Grow
- Growth Faster than Average
 - Area Will Shrink

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When Will It Happen?

Census Preparations

- Phase 1 - State Legislative Districts
 - 2005-06
- Phase 2 - Precincts and Blocks
 - 2007-09
- Phase 3 - Census Data Delivered
 - Congressional reapportionment
 - December 31, 2010
 - Block populations
 - April 1, 2011

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Census Geography

- Public Law 94-171
- Statistical
 - Block
 - Block group
 - Tract
 - County
- Political
 - Precinct, ward, election district - VTD
 - City, town, unorganized territory, other - MCD
 - Place
 - County

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Minnesota Redistricting Timetable

Congress & Legislature

- Legislative and congressional districts
 - 25 weeks before state primary
 - February 21, 2012

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Minnesota Redistricting Timetable

Local Government

- Precincts and city wards
 - 60 days after legislative districts
 - 19 weeks before the state primary
 - April 3, 2012
- County commissioner, school, park, hospital, and soil & water conservation districts
 - 80 days after legislative districts
 - 15 weeks before the state primary
 - May 1, 2012

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Minnesota Redistricting Timetable

Candidates

- Candidates establish residency in districts
 - 6 months before Election Day
 - May 6, 2012
- Candidate filing deadline
 - June 19, 2012
- State primary
 - August 14, 2012
- Election Day
 - Nov. 6, 2012

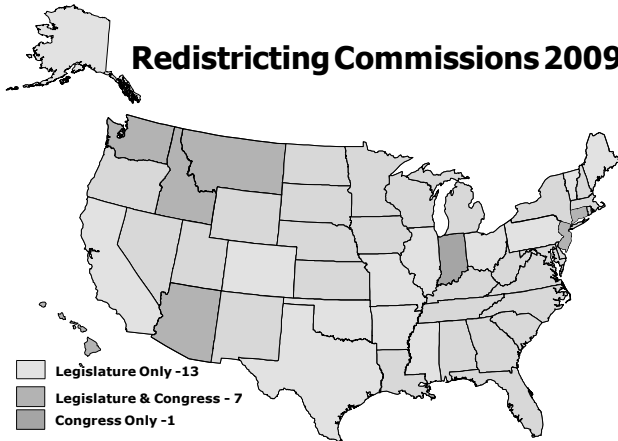
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Who Will Draw the Maps?

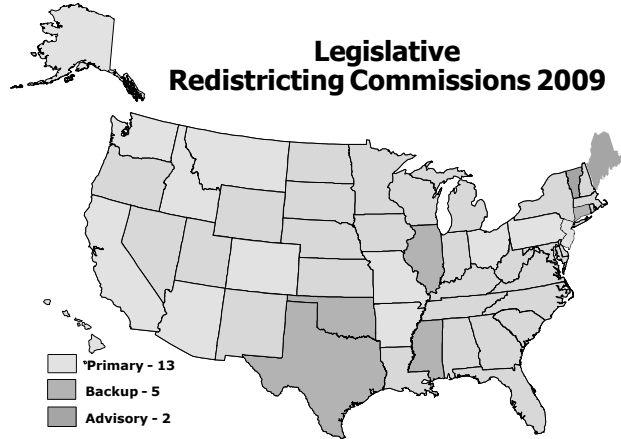
- Legislature or Commission

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Redistricting Commissions 2009



Legislative Redistricting Commissions 2009



Who Will Draw the Maps?

Other

- Governor - Maryland
- Secretary of State - Oregon
- Legislative Service Bureau - Iowa

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How Will They Do It?

- The Facts of Life
- Gerrymandering
 - Packing
 - Fracturing
- The Need for Limits

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Limits on Gerrymanders

- Who draws the plans
- Data that may be used
- Review by others
- Districts that result

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Limits on Gerrymanders

Who Draws the Plans

- No legislators
- No appointees of a legislator
- No public officials
- No politicians
- Minority party represented
- Equal number from majority & minority
- Neutral tie-breaker

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Limits on Gerrymanders

Data that May be Used

- No party registration
- No election results
- No socio-economic data
- No incumbent residences

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Limits on Gerrymanders

Review by Others

- Public hearings
- Preliminary plans
- Judicial review

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Limits on Gerrymanders

Public Hearings

- Before plan is drafted
 - Population shifts
 - Minority populations
 - Political subdivision splits and combinations
 - Communities of interest
- Preliminary plan
- Final plan

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Limits on Gerrymanders

Districts that Result

- Populations equal
- Minorities fairly represented
- Territory contiguous
- Territory compact
- House districts nested in Senate districts
- Political subdivisions not divided
- Communities of interest not divided
- Politically competitive

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Minnesota's Divided Government

Changing Control of the House

- 1954 - Democrats
- 1962 - Republicans
- 1972 - Democrats
- 1984 - Republicans
- 1986 - Democrats
- 1998 - Republicans
- 2006 - Democrats

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Minnesota's Divided Government

- 1959
 - Democratic House
 - Republican Senate
 - Democratic Governor
- 1961
 - Democratic House
 - Republican Senate
 - Republican Governor
- 1966
 - Republican Legislature, Democratic Governor

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Minnesota's Divided Government

- 1971-72
 - Republican Legislature, Democratic Governor
- 1981-82 & 1991-92
 - Democratic Legislature, Republican Governor
- 2001-02
 - Republican House
 - Democratic Senate
 - Independence Party Governor

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Minnesota's Divided Government

- Negotiations in the Legislature
- Aware of Governor's veto
- An eye toward the courts

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Minnesota Commission Bill SF 182

Deadlines

- First plans
 - By April 30, 2011
 - Up or down vote
- Second plans
 - Within two weeks after rejection or start of next session
 - Up or down vote
- Third plans
 - Within two weeks after rejection or start of next session
 - May be modified

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Minnesota Redistricting 2011

- Who will win in November 2010?
- Will commission bill be enacted in 2011?
- Who will be Chief Justice in 2011?

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November 2010

- Divided government continues?
- One party controls all three?

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Divided Government Continues

- Four caucus workstations
- Outside groups
- Negotiations within Legislature
- Aware of Governor's veto
- An eye toward the court

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One Party Controls All Three

- Past consensus on districting principles
- Which principles will change?
 - Equal population?
 - Minority representation?
 - Respect for political subdivisions?
 - Respect for communities of interest?
 - Incumbents paired?

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