

Redistricting Rules: Missouri



At least 5 months:

Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

Approx. 4 months:

Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

Court & County Prep

Although Missouri has ample time prior to its deadline, the state may consider moving its candidate filing deadline to ensure a robust public input process.





Redistricting Rules: Missouri Rules

Who draws the lines?

- Congressional lines are drawn the state legislature as a statute, subject to a gubernatorial veto
- ► State legislative lines are **drawn by two separate commissions**, one for state Senate and one for state House districts
 - Commission is appointed by political leaders across the state





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What are the mapping rules?

- Federal equal population requirements and adherence to the Voting Rights Act and constitutional rules on race
- Congressional districts must be contiguous, compact, and as equal in population as possible (Mo. Const. Art. III, § 45)
- State legislative districts must follow the following methods in this priority order (Mo. Const. art. III, §§ 3(b), 7(c)):
 - Districts must deviate no more than 1% from the average population, with up to 3% deviation to follow political boundaries
 - Districts cannot be drawn to deny or abridge right to vote based on race, nor drawn to deny any voter the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice
 - Districts must be contiguous and as compact as possible
 - Communities must be preserved following county and municipal lines, with as few splits as possible
 - Districts shall be drawn for partisan fairness and competitiveness

