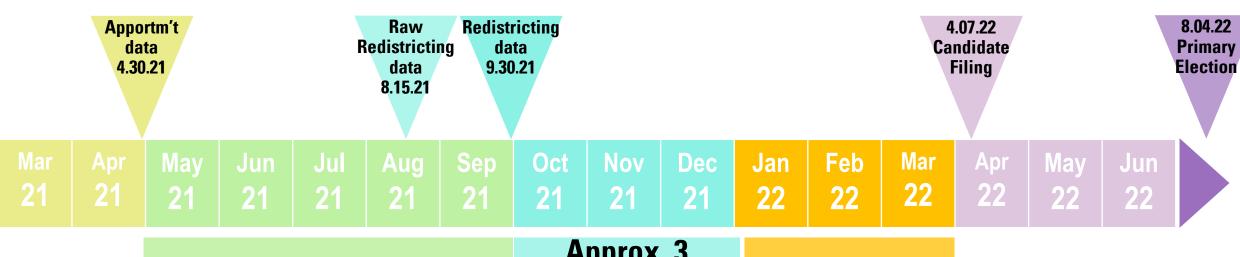


Redistricting Rules: Tennessee Timeline



At least 5 months:

Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

Approx. 3 months:

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

Court & County Prep

Tennessee does not have deadlines for its redistricting process, and there is ample time ahead of the candidate filing deadline.





Redistricting Rules: Tennessee Rules

Who draws the lines?

Congressional and state legislative lines are drawn by the state legislature as a statute and are subject to a gubernatorial veto





Redistricting Rules: Tennessee Rules

What are the mapping rules?

- ► Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ➤ State legislative districts that constitute more than one county must preserve those counties when possible (Tenn. Const. Art. II, § 5-6)
- ➤ State senate districts must be as contiguous as possible and special effort should be taken to avoid dividing too many counties when drawing state house lines (Tenn. Code. § 3-1-102, 103, State *ex rel.* Lockert v. Crowell, 631 S.W.2d 702 (Tenn. 1982))

