

Washington State Redistricting 2021



Who, What, When

- * Every 10 years, following census
- * Chapter 44.05 RCW, WA State Redistricting Act
- * Commission – 5 members
 - * One from each legislative caucus
 - * One independent, nonvoting chair selected by the four caucus members
- * Congressional & Legislative Districts
 - * Other boundaries by Counties
- * Plan due to Legislature November 15
- * Legislature has 30 days to amend or approve

Proposals

- * Criteria (RCW 44.05.090): To extent practicable:
 - * Equal population
 - * Each Congressional district - 771,595 people
 - * Each Legislative district - 157,251 people
 - * Boundaries of local political subdivisions and areas recognized as communities of interest
 - * Number of counties and municipalities divided among more than one district should be as small as possible
 - * Convenient, contiguous, and compact territory
 - * Precincts not divided

Proposals, cont'd

- * Recommendations

- * Each of the four caucus representatives has a proposal:
<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/commissioner-proposed-maps>

- * League of Women Voters has submitted a proposal:
<https://www.lwvwa.org/maps>

- * Outreach meetings were held in October

- * Public comments are still being accepted:
<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/submit-public-testimony>

- * Commission is meeting today



Elections 2021



Vote!! Politics are Local

- Election – November 2
- Vote early
- Ballots are out now
- Register
 - Up to 10/25 online
 - In person at Auditor's office up to 11/2
- Get educated:
 - See other nonpartisan resources besides voters' pamphlet: www.vote411.org
 - Recorded candidate forums