



A citizen's guide

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for Fair Elections

Last November, Michigan voters decisively supported the “Voters Not Politicians” constitutional amendment that makes a commission of 13 randomly-selected citizens – not elected politicians, consultants or lobbyists – responsible for drawing fair and representative election districts for the Michigan Legislature and U.S. Congress.

Apply today to serve on the Commission

- Applications to serve on the Commission are now available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.
- Michigan registered voters are eligible to serve on the Commission. The constitutional amendment, however, makes note of a few key exceptions for certain individuals, including partisan elected officials, candidates, registered lobbyists and their employees and close relatives.
- Applications also will be mailed to thousands of randomly-selected registered Michigan voters by Jan. 1, 2020.
- The application period runs from late 2019 to June 1, 2020.
- The Commission will include four members who affiliate with the Republican Party, four members who affiliate with the Democratic Party and five members who are not affiliated with either major party.

Selection of commissioners

- In June 2020, following the closure of the application period, 200 semi-finalist applicants will be randomly selected. The Rehmann Group, an independent accounting firm, will perform the random selection.
 - ◆ Of the 200 randomly selected applicants, 60 will affiliate with the Republican Party, 60 will affiliate with the Democratic Party and 80 will not be affiliated with either of those political parties.
 - ◆ The Secretary of State's Office will use statistical weighting methods to ensure the pool of 200 semi-finalists mirrors the geographic and demographic makeup of the state, as specified by the state constitution. In July 2020, once a pool of 200 potential commissioners is randomly selected, the minority and majority leaders in the Michigan Senate and the Speaker of the House and minority leader in the Michigan House will have the opportunity to remove up to five applicants from the applicant pool. (20 total)
- By Sept. 1, 2020, the final 13 commissioners - four who affiliate with the Republican Party, four members who affiliate with the Democratic Party and five who are not affiliated with either major party will be selected.

Serving on the Commission

- The Commission will begin meeting by fall of 2020, no later than Oct. 15.
- The Commission must solicit public input from communities across the state through open meetings and public hearings (at least 15 total).
- Each of the 13 commissioners will receive compensation of about \$40,000.
- The deadline for the Commission to adopt a redistricting plan for Michigan's House and Senate and U.S. Congressional districts is Nov. 1, 2021. These new districts will take effect for the 2022 elections.

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