

2024 Proposed Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (“MICRC”) Deliberations Process for the Remedial Redrawing of the Map for the Michigan Senate¹

This document provides an overview of the deliberations process, during which the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will discuss and evaluate Draft Maps and Alternate Drafts to determine which maps will be submitted to the District Court and advanced to the official public comment period on or before May 22, 2024. Pursuant to the District Court’s Order in the *Agee, et al v. Benson, et al* matter, the public comment period will end no later than June 21, 2024.

Deliberation Schedule

Deliberations on Draft Maps and Alternate Drafts will take place during the following meetings. All Draft Maps and Alternate Drafts considered during deliberations should be “complete”, needing no further adjustments for the purposes of advancing to the public comment period.

- Thursday, May 16, 2024 (time permitting)
- Monday, May 20, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Prior to Deliberation Sessions

Commissioners shall independently review, research, and familiarize themselves with the Draft Maps and Alternate Drafts produced by the Commission or Commissioners.

Deliberation of Draft Proposed Maps for Public Comment Period

1. Review draft collaborative maps

Commissioners will collectively review each “complete” collaborative map produced by the Commission. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will facilitate the discussion and present the collaborative maps in alphabetical order by the identifier name (e.g. flowers).

- a. The Commission should discuss each map as they are presented, and review the Michigan Constitutional ranked criteria, noting differences between districts as drawn, COIs, partisan fairness, pros and cons of the map, and any further distinguishing factors.
- b. Using the collaborative mapping format, the Commission may adjust Draft Maps based on updated public comment and additional analysis from consultants.
- c. Commissioners are encouraged to take notes on map preferences. All notes on redistricting maps taken by Commissioners are considered public records and may be subject to public disclosure.

¹ The following capitalized terms used in this document have the same meaning as set forth in the MICRC Mapping Process and Procedures adopted, as amended, January 22, 2024: Draft Maps, Alternate Draft, and Proposed Maps.

- 2. Determine Number of Draft Proposed Maps:** The Commission should next discuss if a limit shall be placed on the number of maps moved into the public comment period, and if so, what number of maps will be approved to move forward.

- 3. Alternate Drafts:** Each Commissioner may offer one Alternate Draft to be displayed for public comment and sent to the Court. If a Commissioner will offer an Alternate Draft, that Commissioner may present their Alternate Draft to the Commission. A Commissioner may only offer an Alternate Draft if they provided the draft for VRA review by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. A Commissioner offering an Alternate Draft must also provide a copy of the data matrix display, VRA analysis, partisan fairness analysis, and compactness scores so that information can be provided to the public and the Court to ensure compliance with the Constitutional criteria.