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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government  
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House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Legislators:

Per PA 87 of 2021, section 617, we have attached the first quarter report of all expenditures related to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. In addition, we provided a detailed description of quarterly activities to implement Section 6 of Article IV of the Michigan State Constitution.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please get in touch with me at 517-331-6309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Woods III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Edward Woods III  
Executive Director

Cc: Kathryn Summers, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mary Ann Cleary, House Fiscal Agency  
Chris Harkins, State Budget Director



## FY 22 1st QUARTER EXPENDITURES

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Travel	\$54,691.05
Facilities, AV, Security	\$151,532.04
Telecommunications	\$2,322.21
Technology/Internal Purchases thru State	\$364.95
Staff Salaries	\$134,941.84
Advertising	\$151,706.44
Consultants-Litigation Counsel	\$107,577.12
Consultants-Local Counsel	\$33,319.00
Consultants-Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel	\$64,951.95
Commissioner Salaries	\$151,580.80
General Administrative	\$660.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$853,648.22</b>

## FY 22 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER ACTIVITIES

- Approved limiting public comments to one minute at the public meetings and hearings. Presentation on partisan fairness. Analyzed draft State Senate maps. Adopted amendment to the Rules of Procedures.
- Adjusted the State Senate collaborative maps for Voting Rights Act and partisan fairness compliance. Discussion on the compactness of the draft State Senate collaborative maps.
- Adjusted the collaborative Congressional and State House maps for Voting Rights Act and partisan fairness compliance. Presentation on Partisan Fairness measures.
- Adjusted the collaborative State House maps for Voting Rights Act and partisan fairness compliance.
- Adjusted the collaborative State House, Congressional, and State Senate maps for Voting Rights Act and partisan fairness compliance.
- Discussed the mapping process and the publication of the draft proposed collaborative and individual maps. Adjusted State House, State Senate, and Congressional draft plans to consider all constitutional criteria. Identified maps adjusted for compliance so staff could produce inventory reports.
- Approved publishing up to six collaborative maps of each type for the Second Round of Public Hearings. Amended the time for public comments for public meetings and hearings to 90 seconds. Approved the Mapping Process and



Procedures. Published State Senate Elm, Cherry, and Spruce plans for the second round of public hearings. Published State House Peach, Oak, and Pine plans for the second round of public hearings. Published Congressional Apple, Birch, Maple, Juniper, and Willow plans for the second round of public hearings. Amended the public hearing guidelines.

- Approved the FY 22 budget. Heard 316 public comments during the second round of public hearings in Detroit for nine hours and nineteen minutes.
- Heard 133 public comments during the second round of public hearings in Lansing for six hours and eleven minutes.
- Heard 211 public comments during the second round of public hearings in Grand Rapids for seven hours and fifty-eight minutes.
- Heard 134 public comments during the second round of public hearings in Gaylord for six hours and one minute.
- Heard 250 public comments during the second round of public hearings in Flint for seven hours and forty-eight minutes.
- Entered into a Closed Session Meeting
- Discussed the privileged and confidential memoranda titled Voting Rights Act of Oct. 14, 2021, and The History of Discrimination in the State of Michigan and its Influence on Voting of Oct. 26, 2021.
- Discussed the process for proposing maps and reviewed public comments from the second round of public hearings. Reviewed draft proposed State Senate maps.
- Reviewed draft proposed State Senate plans. Approved running a partisan fairness check when requested by a Commissioner.
- Heard 39 public comments. Deliberated over Michigan Senate and Congressional maps. Presentation on Voting Patterns of Select Minority Groups. Approved advancing the Michigan Senate Cherry map for public consideration. Approved overlaying shapefiles of draft proposed Congressional plans on a blank map for discussion. Approved advancing the Apple v2, Birch v2, and Chestnut Congressional maps for public consideration.
- Heard 60 public comments. Deliberated over Michigan House maps. Approved instructing the link mapping vendor to lock all the districts in proposed and future proposed maps to prevent accidental changes. Approved the amendment to the Local Counsel contract for an additional attorney. Approved dissolving the Legal Hiring Subcommittee.
- Heard 83 public comments. Deliberated over Michigan House maps. Approved advancing Michigan Senate Pinev5 map.
- Heard 87 public comments. Deliberated draft of proposed Michigan House and Senate maps. Approved advancing the Michigan House Magnolia map. Approved developing and producing the proposed maps and other Commission documents in Braille. Approved allowing each Commissioner to submit a map for the Michigan Congressional, State Senate, and State House without a vote from



the Commission. Approved advancing the Michigan House Hickory map for public consideration. Approved advancing the Michigan Senate Palm map for public consideration. Approved advancing the Michigan Senate Linden map for public consideration.

- Heard 139 public comments.
- Heard 17 public comments. Approved the revised Mapping Process and Procedures.
- Heard 90 public comments. Adopted the projected budget for FY 22. Discussed how to review proposed maps before the final vote.
- Heard 123 public comments. Discussed releasing the two privileged and confidential memoranda to the public and forming a committee to review legal decisions and positions.
- Heard 168 public comments. Approved updates to the proposed budget. Discussed oversight function over Legal Team. Approved the Commission Final Vote Process for maps.
- Heard 60 public comments. Discussion on changing the maps and the Voting Rights Act. Approved the ranked-choice voting process for maps. Approved that commissioners identify their top two favorite proposed congressional maps. Approved not making any changes to any district-type map. Adopted the Chestnut plan as the U.S. Congressional map. Adopted the Linden plan for the Michigan Senate. Adopted the Hickory plan for the Michigan House. Approved extending the paralegal contract.

For additional details regarding the Commission's work this quarter, please visit the MICRC website to view meeting notices and materials at [Meeting Notices & Materials Archives \(michigan.gov\)](#), or you can watch their meetings on [MICRC - YouTube](#)