

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)

Mapping Process and Procedures

V9.6

Excerpt: Deliberations of Draft Proposed Maps for Public Hearings (September 23rd – September 30th)

PRIOR TO DELIBERATION SESSIONS

1. **Research and Review:** Commissioners to independently review, research and take notes on:
 - a. Collaborative maps produced by the Commission and Alternative Maps submitted by individual Commissioners for consideration.
 - b. Additional public comment received during the Draft Map drawing sessions.
2. **Additional Alternative Maps:** Commissioners who produce additional Alternative Maps for consideration should notify Commission staff, EDS and the Secretary at least one day prior to the scheduled deliberation session.
 - a. Any Commissioner wishing to withdraw their Alternative Maps from consideration may also do so at this time by notifying Commission Staff, EDS and the Secretary.

DELIBERATIONS OF DRAFT PROPOSED MAPS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Map Adjustments:** Using the collaborative mapping format, the Commission may adjust draft maps based on updated public comment and additional analysis from consultants, such as partisan fairness analysis. Alternative maps may also be adjusted and submitted as described in section 2 above.
 - a. **Record Keeping:** All major decisions, including explanation and rationale, will be catalogued by MICRC staff and MDOS and entered into the repository.
2. **Determine Number of Draft Proposed Maps:** Commission to deliberate and determine the number of complete redistricting maps, for State House, State Senate and Congressional, that should be displayed for public comment during the second round of public hearings.
(Recommendation: No more than three draft proposed per each type of district)
3. **Review Draft Maps:** Commissioners to review all collaborative maps produced by the Commission and Alternative Maps submitted by individual Commissioners for consideration.
 - a. The Commission may discuss maps as they are presented. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will facilitate discussion and present collaborative maps.
 - i. Discussion order of maps by type of district will be by order of mapping schedule (first State Senate maps, proceeding to State House maps, and finally Congressional maps)
 - ii. Discussion order within each district type is outlined as follows:
 1. Collaborative Maps, presented by Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

2. Alternative Maps, based on order of submission. The creator of the alternative map may present their map to the Commission.
 - a. Any Commissioner wishing to withdraw their Alternative Map(s) from consideration may also do so at this time.
 - b. Commissioners may take personal notes at this time on preference of maps, for reference during the subsequent voting sessions.
Note: All personal notes are public records and may be subject to FOIA.
- **Voting:** Commissioners will choose their most preferred maps by vote for each draft map up for consideration.
 - a. **Round I Voting:** The number of preferred maps selected by each Commissioner will be equivalent to two more than the agreed upon Proposed Draft Maps number. For example, if the agreed upon proposed draft maps number is three, Commissioners must vote for their five most preferred maps.
 - i. The number of votes for each plan will be tallied by the Secretary, and the Draft Maps for each type of district with the greatest number of votes will move on to Round II of voting. For each type of district, the number of finalists will be equal to the agreed upon Proposed Draft Maps number plus two.
 - ii. Ties may be resolved through additional rounds of voting, if needed.
 - b. **Round II Voting:** Commissioners will choose their most preferred maps by vote for each draft map up for consideration. The number of preferred maps selected by each Commissioner will be equal to the agreed upon Proposed Draft Maps number. For example, if the agreed upon proposed draft maps number is three, Commissioners must vote for their three most preferred draft maps.
 - i. The number of votes for each plan will be tallied by the Secretary. The draft maps receiving the greatest number of votes will be designated as the Draft Proposed Maps to be displayed for public consideration during the second round of public hearings.