

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will Map Drawing Begin?

The census data used for redistricting has been delayed several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. Census Bureau anticipates releasing the full data used for redistricting by September 30, 2021. Adjusting the data to comply with state law requiring that prisoners be counted at their most recent home address will take an additional time before the data can be used for redistricting.

Will there be Public Hearings?

Beginning in August, the Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission will hold public hearings. Information regarding the hearings will be posted on the [Commission's webpage](#) under the “Meetings” tab and on the General Assembly’s [hearing schedule](#). Also, Governor Hogan created by executive order the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission to recommend legislative and congressional maps to the Governor’s Office. That Commission is currently holding public hearings around the state. [Click here for a meeting schedule](#).

When will the New Plans Take Effect?

Both the new congressional district plan and the new legislative district plan will be in effect for the 2022 elections. The new plans may affect which representatives are incumbents for the district within which you live.

Will Redistricting Change my Election Precinct?

Possibly. The redrawing of congressional and legislative districts does not directly affect voting precinct boundaries. County election boards generally alter these boundaries based on various considerations unrelated to redistricting. However, in some cases, precinct lines are modified where it is necessary to coincide with an altered legislative or congressional boundary.

Who can I contact about redistricting in Maryland?

In addition to your representatives in the General Assembly and the Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission, you may contact the Maryland Department of Legislative Services at redistricting_LRAC@mlis.state.md.us.

To find your General Assembly representatives, visit <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District>.

If you would like to submit testimony to the Commission, you may email a PDF version to testimony_LRAC@mlis.state.md.us. If you would like to submit a plan for the Commission to consider, you may email an equivalency file or a PDF to maps_LRAC@mlis.state.md.us.