

Rules For Drawing the Lines

In accordance with federal, state, county law, the Commission must draw lines pursuant to the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. Federal Laws

US Constitution – reasonable equal population and no racial gerrymandering
Federal Voting Rights Act

2. State Law and Measure G Requirements

1. California Voting Rights Act
2. Geographical-contiguity
3. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”
4. Undivided cities and Census designated place
5. Easily identifiable boundaries
6. Compact
7. Topography, geography, and cohesiveness

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Future population growth
Minimize voters shifted to different election years

In addition, the Commission is prohibited from considering the residence of any incumbent or political candidate and districts shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.