

# MASSACHUSETTS

## STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**160**  
HOUSE  
SEATS



**40**  
SENATE  
SEATS



### WHO DRAWS THE DISTRICTS?

STATE LEGISLATURE

### HOW ARE DISTRICTS DRAWN?

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- State Supreme Court will review the plan if a registered voter petitions

#### State-Level Criteria

Ranked: No

- Contiguity for House and Senate
- Follow political boundaries for House and Senate
- Single-member districts for Senate

#### Public Hearings

- No redistricting specific provisions

#### Timing

- Plan must be adopted during the first session after the federal census for the House and Senate
- Plan is effective for 10 years

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

**9**  
SEATS



through 2020.  
Projected after  
reapportionment:  
No change

#### Process

- State Legislature draws the lines
- Governor can veto the plan
- State Supreme Court has jurisdiction to hear lawsuits concerning congressional districts

#### State-Level Criteria

- None

#### Timing

- No deadline

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