Redistricting in Texas

Every election, you vote within your local, state, and federal district. But did you know that you also have the right to help shape what those districts look like? That’s where redistricting comes in.
Redistricting happens every 10 years right after the Census and it’s the process of redrawing district lines to determine who represents you. **You have a voice in drawing these lines.** Use this card as a reference for how you can help with redistricting in Texas.

### Congressional Districts

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<th>Restrictions</th>
<th>NONE</th>
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<td>Number of districts 2011-2021</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Number of districts AFTER 2020 CENSUS</td>
<td>38</td>
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- May Governor veto?: Yes
- Districting responsibility: State legislature
- Self-imposed state deadlines and enforcement: None

### Legislative Districts

| Restrictions  | Districts must be contiguous.  
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<td>House districts must follow county boundaries whenever possible.</td>
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<td>Number of districts Senate</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Number of districts House</td>
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- May Governor veto?: Yes (if drawn by legislature)
- Districting responsibility: State legislature or, if legislature fails to make an apportionment, a backup commission of elected officials (Legislative Redistricting Board of Texas).
- Self-imposed state deadlines and enforcement:*
  
* Deadlines subject to change based on Census delays.

**There are no specific guidelines on public input on the redistricting process in Texas.**

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