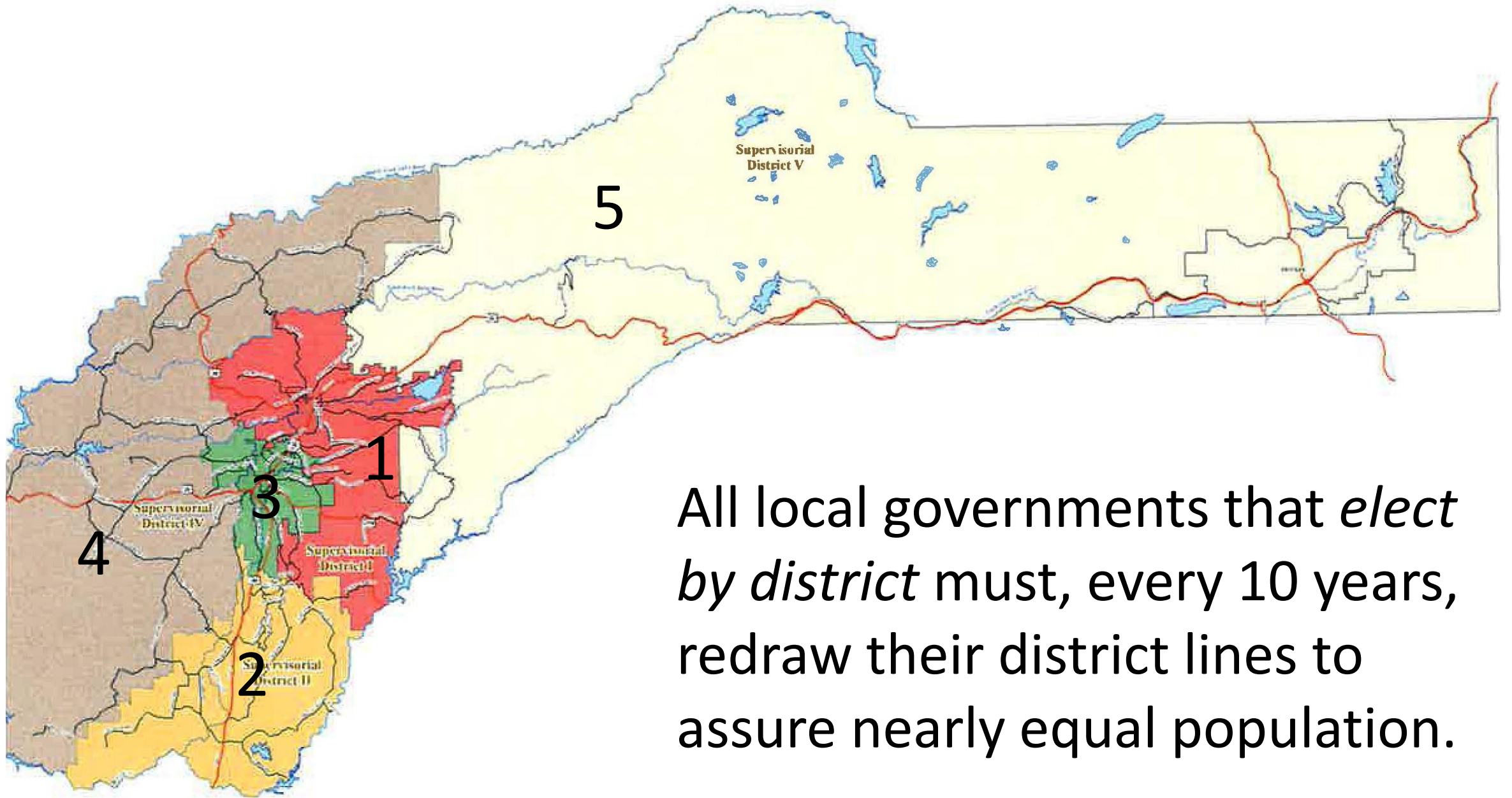


Redistricting 2021

*A VERY DIFFERENT
PROCESS FROM 2011*





All local governments that *elect by district* must, every 10 years, redraw their district lines to assure nearly equal population.

State and Federal Laws

State:

AB 849 (2020) – “Fair Maps Act” completely revises and standardizes redistricting for counties

AB 1276 (2021) modifies AB 849

Federal:

Population equality – some deviation acceptable

Voting Rights Act

Equal protection / restrictions on racial gerrymandering

State Criteria – Mandatory / Specific / Ranked

1. Geographically contiguous;
2. Geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest – must minimize division;
3. Preservation of cities and Census-Designated Places (“CDP”s) – again must minimize division;
4. Easily identifiable natural and artificial boundaries and must be understandable to the residents; and
5. Geographical compactness.

State Law Requires Significant Public Outreach:

Before adopting the final map, a minimum of four (4) public hearings must be held:

- ✓ At least one of which is *before* drawing the draft map(s) and
- ✓ At least two of which are *after* drawing the draft map(s).
- ✓ At least one must occur on a weekend or after 6:00 pm on a weekday.
- ✓ One of the public hearings may be in the form of a public workshop conducted by County staff or a consultant.

Requires Numerous Steps to Encourage Residents' Participation in the Process:

1. Outreach to media organizations, including those that serve minority communities;
2. Outreach to government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in the County, including those active in language minority communities, and those that have requested to be notified concerning County redistricting;
3. Live translation of a public hearing (or workshop) if requested 72 hours in advance;

(continued):

4. Online publication of all public hearings at least 5 days in advance;
5. Online publication of a draft map at least 7 days before being adopted as a final map;
6. Receipt of maps or testimony from the public (both in writing and electronically);
7. Making available recordings or written summaries of each public hearing (or workshop); and
8. Establishing, and maintaining for at least 10 years after the adoption of new Supervisorial district boundaries, an internet web page dedicated to redistricting.

The Board May Draw the Boundaries by Establishing 1 of the Following:

1. A County staff advisory commission A body that recommends to the Board placement of districts
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This approach will have the fastest timeframe as staff can start immediately. And County staff resources will be able to be absorbed within the departments' budgets. **Most CA counties will draw the boundaries on their own and work through the mandatory public process.**


Or:

2. Appoint a citizen advisory commission

A body, other than the Board, that is empowered to adopt the district boundaries

3. A hybrid redistricting commission

A body that recommends to the Board 2 or more maps which the Board must adopt without modification



Step-by-Step Timeline:

- Initial Board discussion – online mapping tool; creation of team (or commission); recruit and hire consultant; create a website and public outreach plan
 - Census Bureau population counts, prison-adjusted counts, demographic data, public participation tools
 - Pre-draft map public forum & hearings; draft maps; public draft maps; public hearings on draft maps
 - Publish revised map(s)
- Winter 2020-2021
 - Spring/Summer 2021
 - 60-90 days approximately
 - 7 days prior to adoption
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Timelines for Redistricting Ordinance:

Board must introduce and waive
reading of an ordinance adopting
the final map at the

October 26, 2021

Board of Supervisors meeting.

QUESTIONS ?

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