

**REDISTRICTING AMENDMENTS**

2021 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the timeline relating to the duties of the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines a term; and
- ▶ modifies the timeline relating to the duties of the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-20-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 288

**20A-20-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 306

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **20A-20-102** is amended to read:

**20A-20-102. Definitions.**



28 As used in this chapter:

29 (1) "Commission" means the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission created in  
30 Section 20A-20-201.

31 (2) "Committee" means the Legislature's redistricting committee.

32 (3) "Decennial year" means a year during which the United States Bureau of Census  
33 conducts a national decennial census.

34 (4) "Linked PL94-171 data" means legacy file decennial census data for Utah,  
35 published by the United States Bureau of Census, that, after publication, is linked to Utah  
36 geographic data files in a manner that the data can be used to draw maps for the purpose of  
37 redistricting.

38 [~~4~~] (5) "Regular decennial redistricting" means redistricting required due to a national  
39 decennial census.

40 [~~5~~] (6) "Special redistricting" means redistricting that is not a regular decennial  
41 redistricting.

42 Section 2. Section **20A-20-301** is amended to read:

43 **20A-20-301. Public hearings -- Private conversations.**

44 (1) (a) The commission shall, by majority vote, determine the number, locations, and  
45 dates of public hearings to be held by the commission, but shall hold no fewer than seven  
46 public hearings throughout the state to discuss maps, as follows:

47 (i) one in the Bear River region, which includes Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties;

48 (ii) one in the Southwest region, which includes Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and  
49 Washington counties;

50 (iii) one in the Mountain region, which includes Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties;

51 (iv) one in the Central region, which includes Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and  
52 Wayne counties;

53 (v) one in the Southeast region, which includes Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan  
54 counties;

55 (vi) one in the Uintah Basin region, which includes Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah  
56 counties; and

57 (vii) one in the Wasatch Front region, which includes Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake,  
58 Tooele, and Weber counties.

59 (b) The commission shall hold at least two public hearings in a first or second class  
60 county but not in the same county.

61 (c) The committee and the commission may coordinate hearing times and locations to:

62 (i) avoid holding hearings at, or close to, the same time in the same area of the state;

63 and

64 (ii) to the extent practical, hold hearings in different cities within the state.

65 (2) Each public hearing must provide those in attendance a reasonable opportunity to  
66 submit written and oral comments to the commission and to propose redistricting maps for the  
67 commission's consideration.

68 (3) The commission shall hold the public hearings described in Subsection (1) [~~no later~~  
69 ~~than November 1 of~~], during the year following a decennial year[-], no later than:

70 (a) October 17, if the commission receives the linked PL94-171 data on or before

71 September 1; or

72 (b) 46 days after the day on which the commission receives the linked PL94-171 data,

73 if the commission receives the linked PL94-171 data after September 1.

74 (4) (a) A member of the commission may not engage in any private communication  
75 with any individual other than other members of the commission or commission staff,  
76 including consultants retained by the commission, that is material to any redistricting map or  
77 element of a map pending before the commission or intended to be proposed for commission  
78 consideration, without making the communication, or a detailed and accurate description of the  
79 communication including the names of all parties to the communication and the map or  
80 element of the map, available to the commission and to the public.

81 (b) A member of the commission shall make the disclosure required by Subsection  
82 (4)(a) before the redistricting map or element of a map is considered by the commission.

83 (5) The committee chairs and the chair of the commission shall, no later than two  
84 business days after the day on which the Legislature appoints a committee, under Subsection  
85 [20A-20-201\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), for a special redistricting, jointly agree on a schedule for the commission  
86 that:

87 (a) reasonably ensures that the commission may complete the commission's duties in a  
88 timely manner, consistent with the time frame applicable to the committee and the Legislature;

89 (b) establishes deadlines for the following:

- 90 (i) holding the public hearings described in Subsection (1);
- 91 (ii) preparing and recommending maps under Subsection 20A-20-302(2);
- 92 (iii) submitting the maps and written report described in Subsection 20A-20-303(1);
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- 94 (iv) holding the public meeting described in Subsection 20A-20-303(2); and
- 95 (c) provides that the commission dissolves upon approval of the Legislature's
- 96 redistricting maps by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
- 97 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
- 98 the date of veto override.

99 Section 3. **Effective date.**

100 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
101 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
102 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
103 the date of veto override.