

Oklahoma State Senate



2021 SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

The following guidelines are suggested for the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting consideration:

A. The Senate Select Committee on Redistricting will strive to be an open and transparent process that allows the public to have input and make recommendations on how they want to be represented at the State Capitol. As a matter of transparency, the committee will host town halls across the state, provide for public submission of maps, and make available an email address where citizens across the state can ask questions. The email address is redistricting@oksenate.gov

B. Districts will be drawn to be numerically as equal in population as possible, using the following percentages.

1. The Senate district plan must have an overall range of no more than 5% (+/- 2.5%). No individual boundary shall deviate more than 5% (+/- 2.5%) unless it is in consideration of the Redistricting Principles in the Oklahoma State Constitution ([5 O.C. 9A](#)).
2. The congressional district plan must have an overall range of no more than 1% (+/- 0.5%). This shall be considered a guideline. The Senate Select Committee on Redistricting will strive for the accepted standard of "as nearly equal in population as practicable."

C. As required by law, districts will be drawn following the principles set forth in the Oklahoma Constitution. Those principles are population, compactness, area, preservation of political subdivisions, historical precedents, economic and political interest, contiguous territory, and other major factors to the extent possible.

D. The Senate Select Committee on Redistricting will use population estimates from the 2015-2019-years American Community Survey as the basis for the Senate Redistricting plan and the 2020 Census Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171 Summary Files) as the basis for the congressional redistricting plan.

Should adjustments be necessary to conform to the Constitutional standard of one person one vote following the release of the 2020 Census Redistricting data the Senate will reconvene in a special session to adjust its legislative district lines.

E. The Senate plan will be drawn to include 48 districts. The Congressional plan will be drawn to include the number of congressional seats apportioned to the State of Oklahoma based on the apportionment population count from the 2020 US Census.