



# CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR

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### **STATE AUDITOR RELEASES PROPOSED CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Process Moving Forward to Create Historic New Commission*

**SACRAMENTO, CA** (Sept. 2, 2009)-- Elaine M. Howle, California's State Auditor, released for public comment the application that will allow Californians to apply for membership on the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The Commission will draw the state legislative and Board of Equalization lines.

"This is just the next step in this new process," said Howle, the official charged with the implementation of the selection and application process as identified in the Voters First Act. "Earlier, we released proposed regulations for comment, and we will continue to receive comments until September 14, 2009. We have now posted the application itself for public comment. After reviewing comments we receive, we will be able to finalize the regulations and the application and move forward. All of this is aimed at providing the public the opportunity to provide input to the process and peaking the interest of the largest audience possible to secure thousands of applications from a pool of applicants that reflects California's diversity."

Proposition 11, the Voters First Act, changed the process by which the State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts are drawn, transferring the responsibility to draw the lines from the Legislature to a new 14-member commission made up of citizens from throughout California. The State Auditor is charged with establishing a process for individuals to apply to become members of the Commission and with selecting a panel to assess the applicants and select 60 of the most qualified applicants. The 14 commissioners, made up of five democrats, five republicans, and four from neither party, will then be selected from that pool.

The application will be posted for public comment through September 21, 2009. Applications will then be available on the Web site from mid-December 2009 through mid-February 2010. Additionally, the public is invited to a public hearing on the draft regulations issued by the State Auditor. That public hearing will be held in Sacramento on September 14, 2009, at the Crest Theater on K Street Mall. To get



all up-to-date information on the Redistricting Commission visit the State Auditor website at [www.bsa.ca.gov/redistricting](http://www.bsa.ca.gov/redistricting)

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