

Voting Alternatives

In order to permit the Commission to begin the process of efficiently approving preliminary maps for each of the Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts, the following approaches are proposed for discussion.

Proposed Approval Process

1. Alternative One – Individual District Voting

- (a) The Commission will vote on a district by district basis for each Senate seat and for each Assembly seat.
- (b) The Commission will vote separately on each Congressional district and each Board of Equalization District.

2. Alternative Two -- Statewide Maps

- (a) The Commission will vote using a statewide map, but will vote *separately* for the Assembly and Senate districts, and separately for Congressional and Board of Equalization districts.

3. Alternative Three – Statewide Maps with Exceptions

(a) Step One

- (i) The Commission will vote using a statewide map, but will vote *separately* for the Assembly and Senate districts, and separately for Congressional and Board of Equalization districts, provided, however, in the event a special majority cannot be achieved on any map, than the procedure in step (ii) will be followed.

(b) Step Two

- (ii) Any five commissioners may request any Assembly, Senate, Congressional or Board of Equalization district to be discussed separately from the others. In such event, the five commissioners shall state the specific reasons they do not believe the district is consistent with guidance previously given by the commission and request changes
- (iii) Following the discussion in step (ii) the commission will then vote again the statewide map in question.

Voting Procedures

- (a) **Time for Discussion** Given the need to complete the review and approval of the draft maps and the final maps, the Commission will specify the amount of time each

Commissioner may speak to each alternative. The amount of time will be determined based on which of the above alternatives is selected.

(b) Voting.

- (i) In the case of a set of draft maps, a special majority of the Commission, as set forth in the Constitution, is required.
- (ii) In the case of a set of draft maps where only one map is approved, a special majority of the Commission, as set forth in the Constitution, is required.
- (iii) In the case of a set of final maps, a special majority of the Commission, as set forth in the Constitution, is required.