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## When do new maps go into effect?

Article 21, section 2(i) of the state Constitution states that the final maps are deemed to have been "enacted" on the date of their certification to the Secretary of State (12/27/2021). The "enactment" date triggers the 90-day period for a referendum petition to be filed. In the absence of a sufficient and timely referendum petition being filed, the maps would otherwise become "effective" 90 days after enactment/certification (3/27/22). But the maps and the new district boundaries don't actually become "operative" until the 2022 primary and general elections; the new boundaries are used for those elections and the new districts don't actually "exist" until after the 2022 general election is completed.

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## Do I have a new representative?

The current boundaries still apply for purposes of determining who are the constituents of the various elected officials and offices; in other words, until the 2022 general election/inauguration, constituents are still represented by the representative of their old/existing district, and not by the existing representative of the new district in which they might find themselves following the 2022 election.



#### What if a representative resigns? A special election to fill a vacancy in an existing district uses the "old" boundaries and takes place in the district as it existed when that candidate was last elected, even if this special election may take place after March 27, 2022.

## Where can I see final maps?

Final maps in PDF, equivalency and shape files can be found on the CRC website, under the 'Final Maps' tab: <u>https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/final\_maps</u>

Use the map viewer at the bottom of the same page to view your district and zoom in and out of your community. Start by entering an address or zip code in the search box.

### Where can I see current maps?

The current maps (approved in 2011) can be viewed using the map viewer under the "Data" tab on the CRC website. Once you enter an address or zip code, simply select "current day" maps in the drop down menu for the preferred map type (Congress, Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization).

https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/map\_viewer

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# Where can I find the final maps report?

The final report and all attachments can be found on the CRC website under the "Final Maps Report" tab. <u>https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/final\_maps\_report</u>

# What are deferred/accelerated voters?

The staggered terms for State Senate means there will be an overlap between new and old districts for even numbered Senate districts. Read more about the subject here: <u>https://lwvc.org/deferred-and-accelerated-voters-</u> <u>redistricting-and-state-senate</u>

Why was my district drawn this way? When drawing maps, Commissioners adhered to strict weighted criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. Read more about the criteria here: <u>https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/faq#what\_criteria\_ar</u> <u>e\_used\_when\_drawing\_maps</u>

For more information about the CRC, please visit: <u>https://www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org/</u>