

Potential Legislative Changes (7/13/2022)

C. Areas needing further discussion

Priority order as voted by CRC		Topic	Code Section to Amend	Notes
1.	C5. 5 votes	Clarify what a day is in defining mapping deadlines	GC Section 8251(b)	Code defines a day (a calendar day). Black's Law Dictionary defines a day as a full 24 hours (midnight to midnight). Prior discussion on 6/1/22: Move forward to draft two scenarios – one to use Black's Law Dictionary definition and the other to note the 24-hour clock starts from the time a motion is passed.
2.	C18. 4 votes	Define Fully Functional – Executive and administrative teams on board?	GC Section 8251 (b), CCR Title 2 Section 60861	Work with the State Auditor on language, fully functional noted in GC Section 8253(a)(5) and CCR Title 2 Section 60861. Prior discussion on 6/1/22: Chair Toledo established a Continuity Subcommittee to address this area.
3A	C3. 3 votes	Clarify taking public comment during regular, non-mapping business meetings does not constitute "receiving input on redistricting matters" (subject to 14-day meeting notice)		See C2 below. Prior discussion on 6/1/22: Move forward to draft language to clarify public input during public comment is not considered input for agenda posting, i.e., non-mapping business meetings.
3B.	C6. 3 votes	Ability to hire outside counsel without AG prior approval	GC Section 8253.6(b) GC Section 11041	Could either amend Commission GC or the Attorney General exceptions listing Prior discussion on 6/1/22: Move forward to draft government code language for AG exemption.
3C.	C9. 3 votes	Strikes by the Legislature are not transparent, should the Legislature be allowed to strike	GC 8252 (c)	Prior discussion: This is the only part of the Commissioner selection process that is not transparent.

		applicants from the subpools? How many strikes by the Legislature?		
4A.	C2. 2 votes	Clarify/provide definition for what public input means	GC Section 8251 (b)	See C3 above. First mentioned in GC Section 8253 (a)(1). Prior discussion: Like it to be broad which allows for community input. Let each Commission decide.
4B.	C7. 2 votes	Clarify/provide definition of what redistricting matters means	GC Section 8251(b)	First appears in GC Section 8253(a)(3). Prior discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spent quite a bit of time discussing what it meant instead of concentrating on other pressing issues such as outreach, education, etc. Good discussion for future commissions to decide for themselves so they are all on the same page. If leave it vague, someone else may define it for the Commission.
4C.	C12. 2 votes	Add language to note nothing impedes the Commission from rotating the chair.	GC 8253 (a)(4)	Prior discussion on 6/1/22: Per Chair and Commissioners' discussion, move down to a lower priority.
5A.	C4. 1 vote	Commissioner Vacancies: Discuss need to fill vacancies after final maps are approved.	GC Section 8252.5	Discussion item if the Commission wants to change, amend existing language. Prior discussion: Is it necessary to fill a Commissioner vacancy after the maps are finalized? Maybe consider if there is a need based on a super majority impact.
5B.	C8. 1 vote	Earlier start date for Commissioners (office set up, coordination with Census), also would impact start date of application process	GC Sec 8252	Prior discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start in year ending in 9. Develop relationship with Census, learning

				<p>curve to outreach & community engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start in early year ending in 0 which would not require a statutory change. • Seated Commission is in a better position to know what the next Commission would need in terms of staffing, contracts, etc. New Commission can change whatever is put in place. Also, in better position to coordinate and collaborate with Census. <p>Outreach is not in our mandate. Careful with mission creep.</p>
5C.	C14. 1 vote	Randomly draw 6 versus 8 names from the remaining pool of applicants	GC 8252 (f)	<p>Prior discussion: Allow for more to be selected by initial commissioners in order to appoint Commissioners that are representative of CA and Californians.</p>
5D.	C16. 1 vote	Expand mandate to support local redistricting efforts		<p>Statutory authority – add to GC Prior discussion: Outside the Commission’s scope of redrawing the district.</p>
	C1.	Allow “No Party Preference” to be considered a party for purposes of considering commissioner membership categories	GC 8252 (f) &(g) Art. XXI, Sec 2 (c)(2)	<p>Further clarify existing language Prior discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent data shows NPP is 2nd largest party in CA. • Republicans switching to NPP so possibly more republicans on the Commission. • End result of all – don’t want to assume why people decide how to identify themselves.

	C10.	Liaisons with Attorney General, CA State Auditor, Department of Finance, Legislature	N/A	Include with lessons learned – add to job descriptions
	C11.	Commissioner Compensation – salary as exempt?	GC 8253.5	Prior discussion: Need to incentivize prospective candidates.
	C13.	Statewide database to be open source		Prior discussion:
	C15.	Further restrict amendments to government code statutes (not within one year of certification of maps)		Prior discussions:
	C17.	Changes to size or composition of Applicant review panel		Prior discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Panel were all white. Need to have a diverse panel. • State Auditor placed prospective panel candidates in separate groups similar to the Commissioner candidates and randomly selected one from each group. • Thought the panel did a good job sifting through all the applicants qualifications.

* *Government Code (GC), Election Code (EC), and CA Code of Regulations (CCR) Language*

Code Sections specifically mentioning the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

- California Constitutional Provisions: Sections 1, 2, & 3 of Article XXI
- Government Code (GC): Sections 8251 to 8253.6
- Elections Code (EC): Division 1, Chapter 1, Section 21003; Division 8, Chapter 1.5, Section 8161
- California Code of Regulations (CCR): Title 1 Sections 60840, 60855, 60856, and 60861