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April 8, 2021 Meeting
of the
CoSD IRC

**Redistricting 101:
Timeline Update:**

**Census Data Delay & Remedial
Action in the California
Legislature**

S.B. 594 (Glazer)

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Census Bureau update from March 25 meeting:

- U.S. Census Bureau ... “can provide a legacy format summary redistricting data file to all states by **mid-to-late August 2021.**”
- Because “most states lack the capacity or resources to tabulate the data from these summary files on their own, we reaffirm our commitment to providing all states tabulated data in our user-friendly system by **Sept. 30, 2021.**”

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March 26, 2021 letter-update from the Statewide Database:

1. The SWDB will be processing the legacy data to be released by the Census Bureau in the mid-August timeframe.
2. The SWDB will be able to process and reformat these data accurately.
3. The SWDB determined that a 2-week period of time from the release of the “legacy” data would be required to complete the processing, run accuracy checks, compare the data and allow for any discrepancies to be analyzed and resolved. This 2-week period would be in addition to, and precede, the 30-day period of time that the SWDB will require to build the State’s official redistricting database.

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March 26, 2021 letter from California legislative leaders to California Independent Redistricting Commission:

Anticipates completion of state process by ~ January 15, 2022.

“In *Legislature of the State of California v. Padilla*, the California Supreme Court granted an extension of Commission deadlines to December 15th for approval and certification of final maps. The Court also provided that the Commission shall adopt final maps no later than those dates plus any additional days of federal delay in transmission of census data after July 31st. The computerized redistricting database can be built from the legacy format data, which is expected to be transmitted in the second half of August. As a result, the deadline to adopt maps will need to be extended two to four weeks from the original deadline set by the Court, depending on the actual date the legacy format data is received.” (Emphasis added.)

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S.B. 594 (Glazer): “This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would mitigate issues surrounding the potential delay in the release of census data and the effect of that delay on local redistricting.”

March 4, 2021 amendments:

- Final Plan is “timely” if adopted on the very last day, December 15, 2021.
- Authority for Counties to adopt a redistricting plan by resolution rather than ordinance.

Committee hearing: April 12, 2021.

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Legislature is continuing to work on further amendments.

- Options (discussed at 3/25/21 IRC meeting):

Assuming **NO** change in deadline, potential legislative changes to redistricting process:

Adjust waiting, notice and hearing periods.

Impact on election filing periods: none other than those already contemplated in AB 1276, i.e. 28-day delay in commencement of in-lieu filing period.

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Other Options:

- Move deadline for completion of redistricting and alter election filing deadlines accordingly
- Move date of Primary Election

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- Other Options: Move IRC redistricting deadline.

Step	Receipt of Census Data 7-31-21 (orig. delay)	Receipt of Legacy Census Data 8-31-21 <i>Current Status</i>	Legacy 8-31-21 + Deadline Extension to 1-15-22
SWDB Processes & Adjusts (days to deadline)	8-30-21 (107)	10-15-21 (61)	10-15-21 (92)
1 st day maps can be posted	9-20-21 (3wk wait)	10-22-21 (1 wk wait)	11-5-21 (3 wk wait)
Post map public hearings (7-day notice)	9-27 to 12-15-21 (~79 days)	10-29 to 12-15-21 (~46 days)	11-12-21 to 1-15-22 (~64 days)
Deadline (days to election)	December 15, 2021 (E-174)	December 15, 2021 (E-174)	January 15, 2022 (same as CRC) (E-143)
Impact on other election deadlines	Already included in AB1276	Already included in AB1276	Further adjustments to in-lieu & other

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- Other Options: Move deadline & Primary Elect.:

Step	Receipt of Legacy Census Data 8-31-21 <i>Current Status</i>	Legacy 8-31-21 + Deadline Extension to 1-15-22	Legacy 8-31-21 + Deadline Extension to 1-31-22 & June 28 Primary
SWDB Processes & Adjusts (days to deadline)	10-15-21 (61)	10-15-21 (92)	10-15-21 (108)
1 st day maps can be posted	10-22-21 (1 wk wait)	11-5-21 (3 wk wait)	11-5-21 (3 wk wait)
Post map public hearings (7-day notice)	10-29 to 12-15-21 (~46 days)	11-12-21 to 1-15-22 (~64 days)	11-12-21 to 1-31-22 (~80 days)
Deadline (days to election)	December 15, 2021 (E-174)	January 15, 2022 (same as CRC) (E-143)	January 31, 2022 (E-148)
Impact on other election deadlines	Already included in AB1276	Further adjustments to in-lieu & other	Adjustments to election filing deadlines

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Possible proactive steps re SB 594:

- Formation of Ad Hoc Subcommittee
- Coordination with COSD's OSIA – Caroline Smith
- Coordination with other stakeholders
- All of the above