

THE COMMISSION

MDP REDISTRICTING NEWSLETTER



MEETING 3/11 WRAP UP

Fellow Democrats, here's your biweekly wrap-up of what has happened at this week's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The Commission finalized the meeting locations and times.

Have questions?

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PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Jackson
Commonwealth Commerce Center
May 11th

Kalamazoo
Radisson Hotel
May 13th

Marquette
NMU
May 18th

Gaylord
Treetops Resort
May 20th

Midland
Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center
May 25th

Lansing
Lansing Center
May 27th

Pontiac
Centerpointe Marriott
June 1st

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CENSUS DATA DELAY: SEEKING LEGAL RELIEF

The Commission has begun the process of seeking extended deadlines from the Michigan Supreme Court. The extension is needed due to the Census Data delay which is causing a delay in them drawing maps.

Per the state's constitution, the commission is required to have its final map adopted by no later than November 1st, 2021, or 45 days after public comment meetings have concluded. The Census data is not scheduled to be released to the states until September 30, 2021, which would put a huge time constraint on them which can hurt the validity of the maps.

This week, the Commission unanimously voted to seek relief from the MI Supreme Court with the following timeline:

- May - Sept 2021 - Initial public hearing & drafting of plans
- Sept. 30, 2021 - Redistricting data provided to states
- Dec. 11, 2021 - Deadline to propose mapping plan
(72 days after receiving data)
- Jan. 25, 2022 - Deadline to adopt final mapping plans
(after 45 days of public comments)
- Jan 25 - May 14, 2022 - Bureau of Elections make updates to the QVF
- May 14, 2022 - Candidate filing deadline for August 2022 Primary

Take note that the Commission's proposal to the Supreme Court suggests the candidate filing deadline be moved from April 19, 2022, to May 14, 2022.

GET TO KNOW: BRUCE ADELSON

The Commission unanimously agreed to hire Bruce Adelson from Federal Compliance Consulting for the VRA legal counsel position.

A former U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Senior Trial Attorney and current Georgetown University faculty member, Bruce is an award-winning lawyer and published author who has 20+ years of experience as a DE&I, advocacy, writing, and speaking coach. He has appeared in court 1000+ times, including ~10 jury trials, countless bench trials, and appeals. He's also been an expert witness in 20+ federal and state litigations, including testifying in court and in depositions.



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