

Making Democracy Work in SC: Two Redistricting Meetings (At Least) This Week

Senate

The Senate plans to meet on Friday, November 12, for public comment on their staff proposal for S. C. Senate redistricting, which is available for review at https://redistricting.scsenate.gov/planproposal.html. We appreciate the Senate decision to take testimony on plan submissions prior to final development of their own map and to provide adequate time for evaluation of their staff proposal before public testimony is solicited. The time and place of this meeting have not yet been posted but an agenda is expected at www.scstatehouse.gov.

House

The House Redistricting Committee has indicated that their draft S. C. House of Representatives plan will be made available "the week of November 8" through their website at www.Redistricting.SCHouse.gov. However, their plan has not yet posted as of this writing on the afternoon of the 8th. They have verified today that they continue to expect public testimony at their noon, Wednesday, November 10, meeting in Blatt 110 on plans submitted by third parties (although that testimony will have no impact on their plan, which is already drafted) and also on their proposed plan (not yet available for review less than two days before the meeting). The House plan will be embodied in H.4493, which is currently posted on-line as a shell bill without map definition content. The Committee may have a second meeting on Friday, November 12, at 10, "if necessary."

And so it goes on November 8, 2021.

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