

Redistricting Proposals from the Public September 2021

Members of the public can submit redistricting proposals consisting of maps of proposed state senate, state house, congressional, and State Board of Education (SBOE) districts to the Texas Legislative Council's mapping and redistricting section for publication to the publicly accessible [DistrictViewer](#) and [Capitol Data Portal](#) websites. The submitted proposals will also be made available in the legislature's redistricting software, RedAppl. Plans submitted to the council in this manner become available to the House and Senate redistricting committees, other members of the legislature, and the general public.

Proposals must be sent in the form of a comma delimited .csv or .txt 2020 census block equivalency file. A census block equivalency file is a standard file format produced by most redistricting systems and includes two fields: one field lists the fifteen-digit geographic identification number of each census block within the plan, and the other field identifies the district number that is assigned to each block. An example of an acceptable file format is the census block equivalency file for the current Texas congressional districts (PlanC2100), available for download [at this link](#).

The following information must be provided with each census block equivalency file submission:

- first and last name;
- phone number;
- the type of redistricting proposal included in each census block equivalency file: state house, state senate, congressional, or SBOE; and
- a brief description of each proposal to indicate if it is a statewide proposal or a proposal for a particular region or county.

Public proposals for districts provided in the required format with all required information will normally be published to DistrictViewer, the Capitol Data Portal, and RedAppl within 72 hours. The published plan will be assigned a unique identifying PLAN number and will include the name of the person or organization making the submission and a brief description of the plan. Council staff will reply to the sender's email address to notify of an incorrect format or missing required information and will send a confirmation email once the proposal has been processed and published.

Please note that each submission is public information subject to disclosure to members of the public under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Public Information Act.

The combined size of all files attached to each email submission may not exceed 20 MB. If submitting more than one redistricting proposal for publication, we recommend sending each census block equivalency file in a separate email with all required information to ensure receipt of the email and each attachment.

To submit a redistricting proposal, please send an email to redistricting.support@tlc.texas.gov with the census block equivalency file for the proposal and all required information. Please call the council's mapping and redistricting section at (512) 463-6622 if you have questions about submitting a proposal for publication or to confirm receipt of a previously sent proposal. Public proposals will be accepted for publication through the completion of legislative action on state house, state senate, congressional, and SBOE redistricting.