



Washington State Redistricting Commission



When does the new plan take effect?

Are the new legislative and congressional districts “official” yet?

Yes. On February 7, Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution 4409 was signed into law. The resolution made technical changes to the final redistricting plan approved by the Commission on January 1.

Must the Legislature approve the plans?

No. The plans become final once the 30-day clock runs out, whether or not they have been amended by the Legislature. The Commission will soon be voting on some proposed technical changes to the plans based on information obtained since formally adopting the plans on January 1. Technical edits, common with previous redistricting cycles, usually involve moving census blocks/areas with little or no population. These technical changes must be approved by a two-thirds of the Legislature.

Which district do current legislators represent once the plan is final?

For now, legislators and congressional members will continue to represent their current districts (as adopted in 2002). Following this year's General Election (November 6th) current legislators will immediately begin to represent their new districts. Newly elected legislators will begin representing their districts on the first day of the 2013 session.

How does this affect senators up for reelection in 2014?

Holdover senators (those up in 2014) will also continue to represent their current districts for now and begin to represent their new districts following the 2012 General Election.