

INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION

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Under the amendment, the commission is made up of nine registered voters selected each redistricting year by the State Board of Elections. A commission member must have the same party registration, or be registered as unaffiliated with a party, for three continuous years immediately prior to appointment. No more than three commission members may belong to the same political party.

Commission members may not hold certain state or local public offices, nor hold office in a political party organization. This restriction also applies for three years immediately prior to appointment to the commission, and three years immediately after appointment.

The commission will redistrict in 2021 and every ten years thereafter. The commission must make a draft redistricting map available for public inspection, and must accept written comments for thirty days. The commission will then establish final legislative district boundaries. The districts must be drawn in compliance with state and federal law.

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