

REDISTRICTING REFORM: Pennsylvania's Constitutional Amendment Process

[Deadlines in red indicate when events must happen to have an independent commission in place for the 2020 redistricting cycle.]

2017-18
Legislative
Session



PHASE 1

1 BILL DRAFTED A House or Senate member conceives a proposal and asks the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft a piece of legislation.

2 CO-SPONSORS SOUGHT

3 INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE Legislator introduces the bill in the House or Senate, initially demonstrating support with as many co-sponsors as possible.

4 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE House or Senate leadership refers the bill to the State Government Committee.

8 SENT TO SENATE OR HOUSE Bill goes to the other legislative chamber.



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7 FINAL VOTE TAKEN

6 VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE & SENT TO FLOOR If it wins approval from a committee majority, the bill goes to the House or Senate floor, where it faces potential **AMENDMENTS** and ultimately an up-or-down vote.

5 SCHEDULED FOR ACTION Committee chair schedules the bill for action, which might include holding **HEARINGS** or considering **AMENDMENTS**.

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11 VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE & SENT TO FLOOR The bill wins approval in committee and moves to the floor, where it faces more potential **AMENDMENTS** and another final vote.

12 FINAL VOTE TAKEN



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15 CONGRATULATIONS! THE BILL PASSED IN THE 2017-18 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Now do the same thing again in the 2019-20 session.

14 PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADVERTISED Department of State advertises to alert the public that the legislature has taken a preliminary vote to change the state constitution.

13 BILL PASSED IN HOUSE & SENATE If the House or Senate added amendments and the two chambers can't agree on wording, it goes to **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE** for reconciliation. Both chambers then have to pass the conference report. **(Deadline: Early July 2018)**

16 BILL PASSED IN THE 2019-20 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
(Deadline: Early August 2020)

17 REFERENDUM SCHEDULED The proposed constitutional change must face an up-or-down vote by the public, providing time for an independent commission to be created and go to work with data from the 2020 Census.

18 PUBLIC VOTES
(Deadline: November 2020)



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