

Public Policy Update

Campaigning for the 2022 election has started. It really never stops, right? Before our congressmen can get started, the recently redrawn district map will likely get revised to use actual census data.

The Illinois House and Senate will meet in a special session August 31 to revise the district map signed into law last June. That map created several districts where more than one House Republican incumbent lives. Republicans sued that it was unfairly drawn since it used population estimates rather than actual census data. Later when the actual census data was available, their analysis of the data showed population variations outside limits allowed by previous court rulings. The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund also filed a lawsuit arguing against the use of population estimates instead of actual census data. If a federal court rules the new map invalid, it will likely order a bipartisan commission to redraw the districts. Since this commission will include the same number of Republicans as Democrats, historically a deadlock will result and a drawing to choose a member to break the tie. Some details of this article were drawn from the August 22, 2021 [Chicago Tribune](#).

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