
PREPARING FOR REDISTRICTING

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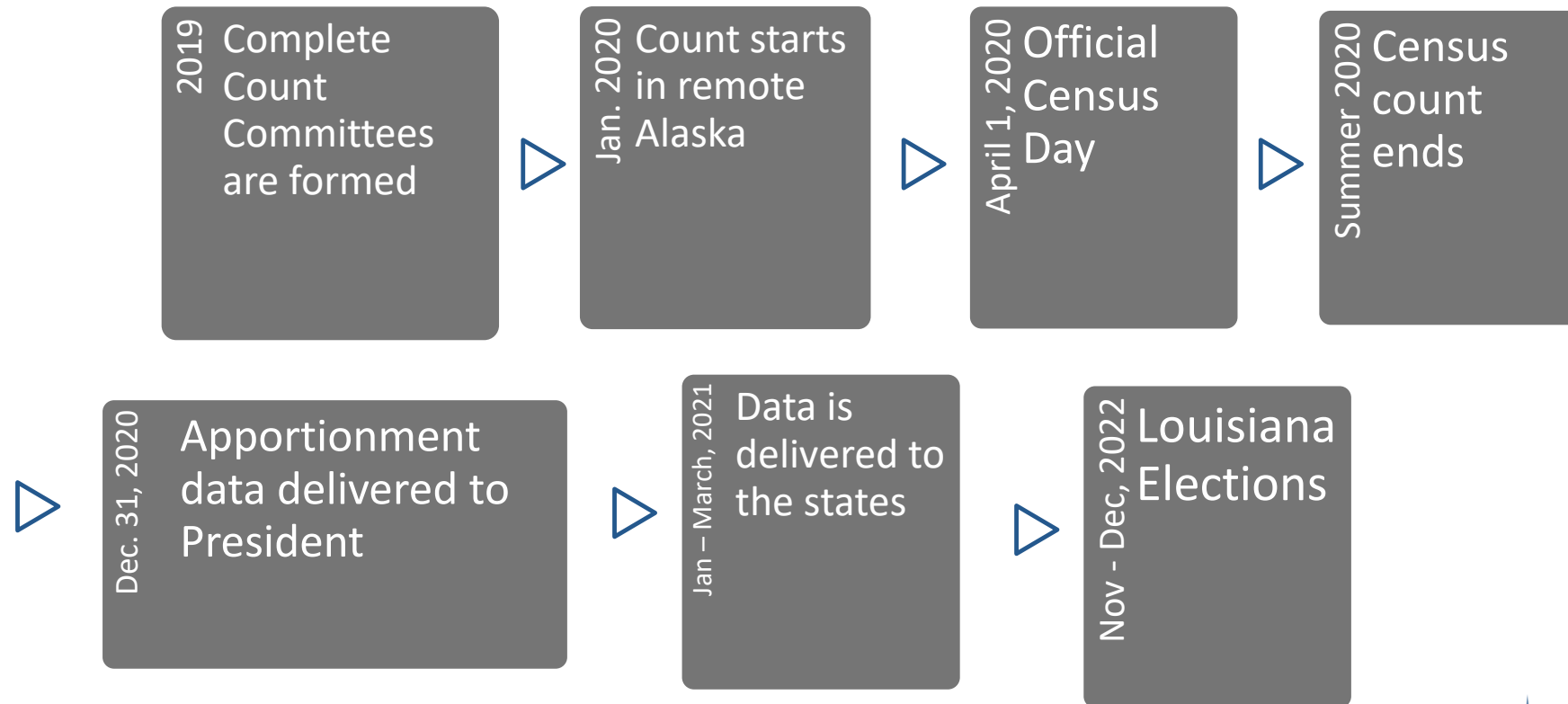
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TOPICS FOR TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- Timing
- Budgeting
- Technology
- Staff
- Data
- Maps
- Public Input
- Legislative Decisions

TIMING



STATE-SPECIFIC TIMELINE

- When are Louisiana's...
 - Session dates
 - Deadlines for enactment of new districts
 - Candidate filing dates
 - And election dates?
- And—how much time do local governments need to redraw precinct boundaries between enactment of new districts and the candidate filing date?



BUDGETING

- Technology
- Staff and consultants
- Travel around the state
- Lawsuits?

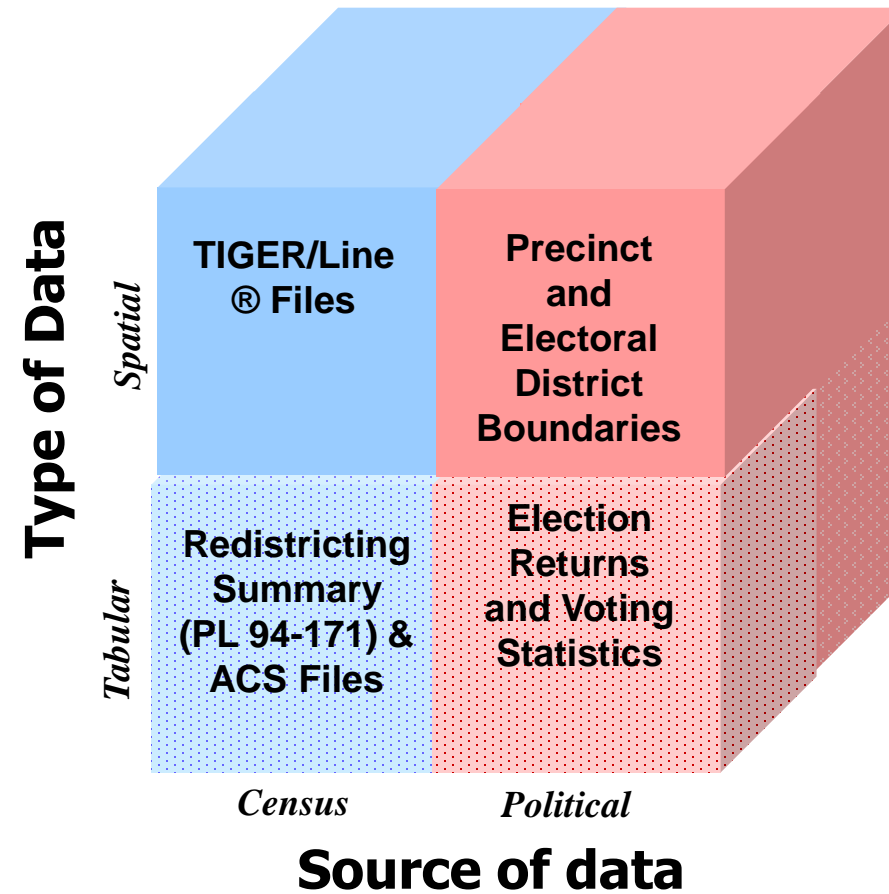
TECHNOLOGY

- Vendors
- Increased data storage capacity
- New computers

STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

- Permanent staff or temporary staff
- Consultants for both caucuses?
- Training

REDISTRICTING DATA CUBE



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FORMAT FOR ADOPTING MAPS

- Metes and bounds
- “Shape files”
- Block-equivalency file

CONFIDENTIALITY

- Legislative privilege
- How maps are stored—who has access, where are they displayed

PUBLIC INPUT OPTIONS

- Hold public hearings before and after maps are drawn
- Offer a public map-making option
- Require time period between introducing a plan and voting on it

LEGISLATIVE CHOICES (1 OF 2)

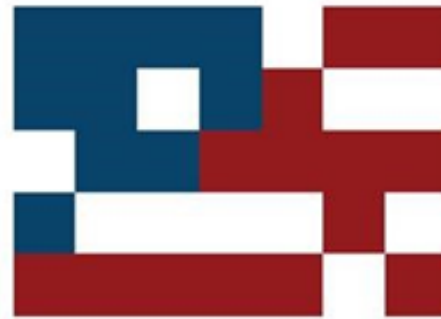
- A special committee or a standing committee?
- Who chairs the committee?
- A special session or regular session?

LEGISLATIVE CHOICES (2 OF 2)

- Adopt committee guidelines? These could include:
 - Additional criteria beyond those in constitution
 - How to develop bipartisan agreement

RESOURCES

- [Into the Thicket: A Redistricting Starter Kit](#)
- Redistricting Law 2020 (coming soon)



[Getting Ready to Redistrict: Seminars](#)

NCSL will hold five seminars in cities across the nation in the two years leading up to the next round of redistricting.



QUESTIONS?

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