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Legislature to Hold Public Forums on Redistricting *First Two of Nine Meetings to be Held This Week*

October 19, 2021 - The Louisiana State Legislature will hold a series of nine regional public forums on the redistricting process beginning in October and ending in mid-January.

The purpose of the forums is to explain the process of redistricting, raise awareness of its importance, and engage public participation.

The forums are scheduled to be held in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Covington, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Shreveport, and Thibodaux.

In order to allow maximum public participation, all of the regional forums will be held after normal work hours beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will be streamed live via the Legislative Redistricting site, Facebook, and YouTube. To view the meetings on any of these platforms, visit <https://redist.legis.la.gov/live>.

The first forum will take place Wednesday, October 20, in the 7th-floor Library Terrace at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. As stated above, the forum will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Legislative staff will make presentations regarding the Census, redistricting law, and population trends. Attendees will be given information on the timeline for redistricting, which affects the districts of Congress, Public Service Commission, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), state Supreme Court, state Senate, and the state House of Representatives.

Taken every ten years, the Census affects political representation on the federal, state, and local levels. It directs the allocation of billions of federal dollars in government funding to the states. After the Census is complete, the redistricting process begins. After receiving input from the public, the legislature will redraw congressional, legislative, Public Service Commission, BESE, and Supreme Court districts in accordance with the population changes shown by the Census.

For information regarding the redistricting process including information regarding redistricting meetings, please visit the Louisiana Legislative Redistricting web page at <https://redist.legis.la.gov/>.

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