

KALAMAZOO COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION



What does the Apportionment Commission do?

The purpose of the Apportionment Commission is to re-draw the boundary lines of County Commission Districts within each county based on the most current population data received every 10 years from the U.S. Census.

Who is the Commission?

The Apportionment Commission consists of the County Clerk, Treasurer, County Prosecuting Attorney, and the chairperson of the county Republican and Democratic parties.

How does the Commission draw lines?

The Commission has the authority to change the number of districts with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 21 districts based on county population. Districts must be drawn based on the following criteria: 1) must be nearly of equal population as practicable; 2) must be contiguous and as compact as practicable; and 3) must not be drawn for any partisan political advantage (MCL 46.404).

TIMELINE

AUGUST

The first meeting is held to organize and establish rules, elect a chair, and learn about redistricting software options.

SEPTEMBER

Census data is expected to be released by the end of September. The Commission has 60 days to review and draw new County Commissioner district lines.

OCT - NOV

The Commission will approve a final plan that will be filed with the County Clerk's office and forwarded to the Secretary of State.

DECEMBER

Any registered voter has 30 days to appeal the Commission's final plan. If no appeals are made, the plan becomes official until the next census.

