

**POLICY ON PRESENTATIONS OF PROPOSED
REDISTRICTING PLAN
AND USE OF COMMISSION STAFF**

Colorado Reapportionment Commission

May 23, 2011

1. The Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff shall prepare maps for proposed House and Senate Districts for each region following the public hearing for that region. Commission staff shall follow the law as it pertains to redistricting in preparing staff maps.
2. Proposed maps from or on behalf of members of the Reapportionment Commission shall be submitted to staff by Noon on Thursday following a Monday public testimony for a region and by 5:00 on Thursday following a Tuesday public testimony for a region. Staff shall forward to Commission members copies of all staff plans and plans from or on behalf of a Commission member as soon as possible.
3. Every redistricting plan must be verified by the Reapportionment Commission staff before it is presented to the Commission for its consideration at a meeting. Plan verification includes assuring that (a) maps, population data, racial and ethnic data, political data, and measures of compactness associated with the plan are complete and accurate, and (b) information concerning the plan can be compared to information presented in connection with other plans. This requirement applies whether the plan was drawn using the Commission's software or another system. Nothing in this policy shall prevent a member from offering unverified modifications or amendments to a verified plan presented to the Commission.
4. Reapportionment Commission staff is available to assist members of the Commission in drawing state house and state senate district plans. Staff may assist others in drawing plans only at the direction of a member of the Commission.