



**Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment
Senate Standing Committee on the Judiciary
Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Operations**

NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC HEARING

Subject: Evaluating Constitutional Provisions Impacting Redistricting in 2022

Purpose: To evaluate the current legal structure of redistricting in New York State in advance of the upcoming redistricting cycle in 2021-2022

July 15, 2020
10 a.m.

Web link: <https://www.nysenate.gov/events>
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Oral Testimony by Invitation Only

In 2014, New York voters approved amendments to the New York State Constitution altering the process for legislative redistricting. Among other changes, a 10 member Independent Redistricting Commission was created to propose legislative district lines during the once-a-decade reapportionment.

Since the enactment of these redistricting reforms, additional developments have raised questions of the process by which redistricting will occur. The process of undertaking the decennial census has also been thrown into question due to the impacts of COVID-19. As a result, New York faces a series of unprecedented questions and challenges in undertaking the necessary redistricting process. This legislative hearing will examine state law on the redistricting process in the context of current events, and seek to determine what challenges the state will face in undertaking this critical work.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing on redistricting in 2022 conducted by the New York State Senate Committee on Judiciary, New York State Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations, and the Joint Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment on July 15, 2020. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise.

My remarks will focus on the following:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:**

All information below must be completed:

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