

NEW LAWS FOR DISTRICT ELECTIONS: SANTA MONICA AND FAIR MAPS ACT CHANGES

City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar



MAJOR AB 764 FAIR MAPS ACT CHANGES

1. Council approval of Outreach Plan
2. Additional hearings, with live hybrid participation
3. Requires providing a public mapping tool
4. New, more restrictive, criteria with significant legal exposure

AB764 is 64 pages long!

“Shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.”

5. New definition of “communities of interest”

“Characteristics of communities of interest may include, but are not limited to, shared public policy concerns such as education, public safety, public health, environment, housing, transportation, and access to social services. Characteristics of communities of interest may also include, but are not limited to, cultural districts, shared socioeconomic characteristics, similar voter registration rates and participation rates, and shared histories.”

6. Public majority-minority district feasibility analysis
7. Release polarized voting analysis, if studied
8. Release report justifying map selection
9. Allows mid-decade redistricting if the number of Council seats changes



REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Three Types:

1. Advisory
2. Independent
3. Hybrid



Pros:

- Independent
- Single-Focus

Cons:

- Selection process challenges
- Takes more time
- More expensive
- Loss of control



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Resources

- How will you devote resources on education and outreach to ensure residents are informed?
- Includes residents speaking an “applicable language.”

Resident Education and Outreach Methods

- How will you inform residents on the process and how to participate?
- Examples may include media, including an identification of any media outlets that the jurisdiction plans to use, direct contact with residents, and community events or town halls.



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Coordination with Community Organizations

- How will you inform organizations that are active in the local jurisdiction, including organizations that requested to be notified of the jurisdiction's redistricting and organizations active in language minority communities?
- Which organizations, if any, you will partner with to inform the public.

Coordinate with Other Local Jurisdictions

Number and Anticipated Dates of Workshops and Public Hearings



QUESTIONS?

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