



Southern Coalition for Social Justice

Resources on Redistricting

Key Dates

April 1, 2011

Date by which the Director of the Census Bureau will, in accordance with 13 U.S.C. 141(c), furnish the Governor and State legislative leaders with 2010 census population counts.

February 1, 2011

Likely deadline for redistricting in Arkansas, New Jersey and other early states.



USEFUL WEBSITES

www.redistrictinggame.org

This website contains a mock redistricting game designed to educate, engage, and empower citizens around the issue of political redistricting. It provides basic information about redistricting in every state, allows players to explore the ways in which abuses can undermine the system, and identifies hands-on opportunities for civic engagement and political action.

www.southernecho.org

Includes a video explaining the importance of redistricting, and a description of Southern Echo's census and redistricting projects.

www.calvec.org

An example of a state-based coalition of organizations committed to encouraging full civic participation in traditionally disenfranchised communities, including participating in redistricting.

www.Ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/redistrict/research.htm

National Conference of State Legislature's site includes research and presentations relating to redistricting.

MANUALS and ARTICLES

Brennan Center, *A Citizen's Guide to Redistricting* (2008)

http://www.brennancenter.org/content/resource/a_citizens_guide_to_redistricting/ General background on redistricting.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund & National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. *The Impact of Redistricting in Your Community: A Guide to Redistricting* (2000)

http://maldef.org/resources/publications/Redistricting_Manual.pdf
Manual designed to facilitate community involvement in redistricting.

Various authors, *Reports on Voting Rights in the States*

(2006). <http://www.civilrights.org/voting-rights/vra/states.html>

Reports prepared for the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, with extensive information about impact of the VRA on redistricting in the 13 states covered by Section 5.

Pildes & Donoghue, *Cumulative voting in the United States* 1995 U. Chi. Legal F. 241.

<http://www.southerncoalition.org/documents/cumulativevoting.pdf>.

Case study of the use of cumulative voting to replace single-member districts in Chilton County, Alabama.



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