Redistricting Transparency

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Information on Redistricting Practices

- 1990 NCSL Survey
- 2000 Survey

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- Hearings before census data become available to identify communities of interest?
- Hearings around state?
- Public comments accepted?
Website: Suggested Best Practices
(39 in use in 2000, did not count committee web pages)

- Data
  - Merged Census and Election Data (if permitted for state use)
  - Any other state data (wards, other political boundaries, etc.)

- Meetings
  - Notification of Meeting Times
  - Live and Archived Meeting Video, Meeting Transcripts

- Mapping
  - On-line Mapping
  - Post all Submitted Plans (equivalency files, map images)
  - Post all Plan Statistics Reports

- Public Comment

- All Legal Documents
Public Terminal

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- Must be sponsored by legislator to use terminal?
- Does terminal have the same data as redistricting authority, especially merged election data?
- Expect on-line capabilities in 2010.
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- If a state provided a public terminal, usually accepted public submissions.
- Must be sponsored by legislator to submit?
Conclusions

- Trend is towards greater transparency and greater public involvement
- Commission states tend to be the most transparent and open to public