

Kentucky Committee Guidelines

Criteria/Standards for Congressional Redistricting, adopted by Interim Joint Committee on State Government's Redistricting Subcommittee, July 11, 1991

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2. All congressional districts will be composed of contiguous geography.
3. Kentucky is covered by the provisions of Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act. All congressional district plans will meet the applicable provisions.
4. Where possible, congressional districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest where such efforts do not violate the other stated criteria.
5. Counties should be used as district building blocks where possible, and to the extent consistent with other aspects of these criteria, recognizing that some counties will of necessity be split in order to achieve stated equality of population goals.
 - a. Where county lines cannot be maintained, district boundaries should follow as closely as practicable the local voting precinct boundary lines in order to minimize voter confusion and cost of election administration.
 - b. Where voting precinct boundary lines cannot be followed and also meet the population criteria as stated in these guidelines, district lines must follow census block geography in order to maintain the integrity of the statistical analysis. If a proposed congressional district line follows a precinct line that splits a census block, the district line should be moved to the boundary of the split census block.

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8. Efforts will be made to preserve cores of existing districts where such efforts are consistent with and do not violate the other criteria stated herein, with the realization that Kentucky will lose one congressional district.