



Get Ready to Redistrict: A Seminar for Practitioners and Others
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July 14, 2021 Wednesday	
1:30-6 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	Registration
2-3:30 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Optional: Redistricting Basics</p> <p>If this is your first redistricting cycle, join us for this session. Experienced legislative staff will provide a foundation on redistricting based on NCSL’s Redistricting Starter Kit.</p> <p>Moderator: Ben Collins, GIS operations coordinator, Mississippi Speaker: Ted Booth, general counsel, Mississippi Speaker: Matt Gehring, staff coordinator, Minnesota Speaker: Jared May, mapping & redistricting section manager, Texas Speaker: Gina Wright, executive director, Georgia</p>
3:45-5 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Option A: Race and Redistricting: Civil Rights Groups Speak</p> <p>French fries and ketchup. Sunscreen and the beach. Redistricting and lawsuits. Three classic pairings. Hear from groups that represent U.S. minority communities about what they’re focused on this decade when it comes to redistricting. Who knows—maybe what we learn will forestall a lawsuit or two.</p> <p>Moderator: Steven Huefner, professor, Ohio State University Speaker: Chloe Cotton, attorney, Native American Rights Fund Speaker: Kathryn Sadasivan, redistricting counsel, NAACP-LDF Speaker: Thomas Saenz, president & general counsel, MALDEF Speaker: John Yang, president & executive director, AAJC</p>

July 14, 2021 Wednesday Continued	
3:45-5 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom ABC</i>	<p>Option B: Census Redistricting Data Program Evaluation Primary Topic: "Geography"</p> <p>In this session, census redistricting program liaisons and other users of census redistricting geographic data are invited to come talk through the strengths and weaknesses of the already completed geographic definition and delivery of geographic materials from the 2020 census. Feedback on the 2020 redistricting data program's geographic operations will be used in the formulation of the 2030 census redistricting data program. Feedback is also welcome on other aspects of the program.</p> <p>Speaker: James Whitehorne, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.</p>
5-7 p.m. <i>Skylight Ballroom</i>	<p>Welcome Reception</p>

July 15, 2021 Thursday	
6:45-7:30 a.m.	<p>Optional Morning Run</p> <p>Studies show exercise improves brain functionality. This run, though, is all about going slow and being social.</p>
7 a.m.-3 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	<p>Registration</p>
7:30-8:45 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Breakfast and Welcome</p> <p>Eat first, then at 8:15 a.m. we'll welcome everyone and review what's ahead.</p>
9-10:15 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom GHIJ</i>	<p>The Census:</p> <p>Option A: Census and Data for Beginners</p> <p>Are you a non-data expert working on redistricting? This session is for you. Learn what data the census will be released, a bit about how it can be used and an introduction to other types of data used in redistricting so you and your data colleagues can communicate effectively with each other.</p> <p>Moderator: Christi Zamarripa, policy associate, NCSL Speaker: Thomas Morton, U.S. Census Bureau, Maryland Speaker: Ben Collins, GIS operations coordinator, Mississippi</p>

July 15, 2021 Thursday Continued	
9-10:15 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Option B: Census and Data for Experts</p> <p>In this advanced session, we'll cover differential privacy (and if it makes a difference), working with race and ethnicity data, how election turnout impacts the accuracy of political data, and the use of party registration as a data layer. Warning: nerding out likely.</p> <p>Moderator: Wendy Underhill, director, NCSL Speaker: Elizabeth Garner, state demographer, Colorado Speaker: Michael Hawes, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Jerry Howe, managing policy analyst, Utah Speaker: James Whitehorne, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.</p>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:45 a.m.	<p>Take Your Pick</p> <p>Option A: Meet with Your Redistricting Software Experts</p> <p>Your state has probably chosen its redistricting software by now. Here's your chance to meet your software vendor, discuss its features and pick up tips. These sessions will be run by the vendors themselves, not by NCSL.</p> <p>CityGate - Fred Hejazi, fhejazi@citygategis.com; <i>Deer Valley I</i> ZillionInfo - Ella Li, ella.li@zillioninfo.com; <i>Deer Valley II</i> Esri - Richard Leadbeater, RLeadbeater@esri.com; <i>Deer Valley III</i> Maptitude by Caliper Corporation - Tracy Horgan, sales@caliper.com; <i>Grand Ballroom A</i></p> <hr/> <p>Option B: Short Takes on Three Key Issues</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i></p> <p>Gain insight into three issues that are easy to overlook: local redistricting (yes, it's required by law); the "hand off" of redistricting data to election officials so they can prepare for next year's primaries; and why some states are adopting inmate data reallocation laws.</p> <p>Moderator: Brian Bean, policy advisor, Utah Speaker: Michelle Davis, senior policy analyst, Maryland Speaker: Jason Lee, director of elections, Utah Speaker: Karin Mac Donald, director, California Statewide Database</p>
Noon-12:45 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	Lunch

1-2:15 p.m.	<p>Choose Your Own Adventure</p> <p>Option A: Balancing Conflicting Criteria</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i></p> <p>Criteria (or principles) are the rules of the road in redistricting, and they vary by state. Sometimes, though they pull in opposite directions, and it’s hard to comply with them all. Hear veterans of the redistricting process explain how to strike a balance between potentially irreconcilable mandates.</p> <p>Moderator: Representative Barbara Griffin, New Hampshire Speaker: Doug Himes, ethics counsel, Tennessee Speaker: Jeff Wice, special counsel, New York</p> <hr/> <p>Option B: Data Details</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom GHIJ</i></p> <p>What can redistricters learn from data sources beyond the census? For instance, in redistricting, what does voter registration provide and how does it differ state to state? Does it matter whether votes were cast by mail, in-person on Election Day or during an early in-person voting period? How does party enrollment data inform decision-making? Is there a way to know just how independent the non-D and non-R voters are? What’s turnout got to do with it? Dig deep with data experts.</p> <p>Speaker: Clark Bensen, Polidata, Virginia Speaker: Kim Brace, Election Data Services, Virginia</p>
2:15-2:30 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
2:30-3:45 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Redistricting Litigation in the 2020s</p> <p>Redistricting litigation for the 2010 cycle still hasn’t ended—will the coming cycle be just as intense? Hear experts discuss the current state of the law, new trends to watch in the 2020s, and possibly make predictions for the future.</p> <p>Moderator: Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto, New Mexico Speaker: Kate McKnight, Baker & Hostetler, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Frank Strigari, chief legal counsel, Ohio Speaker: John Yang, president & executive director, AAJC</p>
3:45-4 p.m.	<p>Break</p>

<p>4-5:15 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i></p>	<p>Threading the Needle: The Voting Rights Act and Racial Gerrymandering</p> <p>Two federal requirements governing redistricting involve race. The Voting Rights Act directs states to ensure that certain minority groups have the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice, while the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment prohibits race from predominating during redistricting. Confusing, right? Listen as two expert litigators parse the nuances created by the U.S. Supreme Court and how states can walk the legal compliance line.</p> <p>Moderator: Ben Williams, policy specialist, NCSL Speaker: Tassity Johnson, Jenner & Block, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Jason Torchinsky, Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky, Wash., D.C.</p>
<p>5:15-5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>5:30-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Connecting with Your Peers</p> <p>Option A: Republicans</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom ABC</i></p> <p>This is an ancillary session run by Republicans, for Republicans. For more information, contact Kylie Bongaart (kylie@fairlines.org).</p> <p><i>Note: This is not an NCSL-sponsored session.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Option B: Democrats</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom GHIJ</i></p> <p>This is an ancillary session run by Democrats, for Democrats. For more information, contact Jeff Wice (wice@democraticredistricting.com).</p> <p><i>Note: This is not an NCSL-sponsored session.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Option C: Nonpartisan Staff Reception</p> <p>If you're legislative staff and don't belong at the partisan sessions, get to know your colleagues from around the nation.</p>

July 16, 2021 Friday	
7-7:30 a.m.	<p>Optional: Walking Tour</p> <p>See the sites with Brian Bean, a staffer with the Utah Senate. Meet in the lobby.</p>
7:30-8 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Eat first—then at 8 a.m., choose which break out session to attend.</p>
8-9:15 a.m.	<p>Getting Along</p> <p>Option A: Lowering the Temperature When Legislatures Redistrict</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i></p> <p>If you read the press, redistricting boils down to just one thing: power. Is that really true? Bring your breakfast to hear from legislators who have threaded their way through the trials and tribulations of legislative infighting.</p> <p>Moderator: Representative Paul Ray, Utah Speaker: Representative Kevin Bratcher, Kentucky Speaker: Senator William Brownsberger, Massachusetts Speaker: Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto, New Mexico Speaker: Representative Andrea Salinas, Oregon</p> <hr/> <p>Option B: Working with Your Commission</p> <p><i>Grand Ballroom GHIJ</i></p> <p>In states where commissions have primary responsibility for redistricting, what's the legislature's role? Bring your breakfast and hear from a current commissioner, legislative leaders in commission states and a staffer who's served for both a commission and the legislature. Attendees will learn how to stay engaged while respecting the legal division between line-drawers and policymakers.</p> <p>Moderator: Commissioner Sara Sadhwani, California Speaker: Jerry Barry, redistricting commissions' managing attorney, Colorado Speaker: House Speaker Scott Bedke, Idaho Speaker: House Speaker Scott Saiki, Hawaii</p>
9:15-9:30 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
9:30-10:45 a.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	<p>Unseen Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them</p> <p>You don't know what you don't know. Fortunately, there are people who have done redistricting who DO know what you don't know. Attend this session to learn from attorneys the pitfalls that can trip up the best-planned redistricting process—so you can avoid their mistakes.</p> <p>Moderator: Michelle Davis, senior policy analyst, Maryland Speaker: Mark Braden, Baker & Hostetler, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Sam Hirsch, Jenner & Block, Washington, D.C.</p>

July 16, 2021 Friday Continued	
11-Noon <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	Legislative Privilege and Transparency <p>Legislative privilege is a critical part of the lawmaking process. Without it, policymakers wouldn't be free to ask candid questions and talk openly with their staff. And yet in this cycle, "transparency" is being heralded. Learn the nuances of this area of the law so you can better understand what will happen when you end up in court over redistricting.</p> <p>Speaker: Jon Heining, general counsel, Texas</p>
12:15-1:30 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i> <i>Lunch served in Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>	What Court Will Look Like? <p>Odds are, you'll be sued over redistricting. What will that lawsuit look like? This panel of litigants, litigators and a judge will walk you through the life of a redistricting lawsuit so you have an idea of what may happen if your maps end up in court. Bring in your box lunch.</p> <p>Moderator: Senator Charles S. Trump, West Virginia Speaker: Judge Robert Hunter, North Carolina Speaker: Sam Hirsch, Jenner & Block, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Kate McKnight, Baker & Hostetler, Washington, D.C.</p>
1:30-2 p.m. <i>Grand Ballroom DEF</i>	Ask Us Anything <p>Faculty will answer anything anyone cares to ask so we leave the Beehive State with exactly the information you need for the redistricting work about to begin.</p>
3-4 p.m.	Optional: Tour of Utah State Capitol
	The Seminar Ends ... and Map Making Begins!