

# Fair & Equitable Maps In Michigan: The Latest On Redistricting



## When did Michigan last redraw its legislative maps?

**In 2021, Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) redrew and voted to enact Michigan's three legislative maps:** one congressional district map (for our representatives in congress) and two state legislative district maps (for our state representatives and state senators). The MICRC is a group of 13 everyday citizens who were selected using a process designed to provide for a balanced, independent, and transparent map-drawing process.

## Are Michigan's 2021 maps final?

**No.** In 2023, a group of voters brought a lawsuit claiming that 13 of the new districts violated the federal Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. In late December of 2023, a three judge federal panel issued a ruling, agreeing that the districts in question violate the U.S. Constitution and ordering the MICRC to redraw those districts.

## Which districts must be redrawn?

**Seven state House districts and six state Senate districts must be redrawn.** However, changing these thirteen districts may result in required changes to neighboring districts as well.

## What is the timeline for redrawing these districts?

**The MICRC must submit new maps that address the issues around the seven state House districts by February 2.** After they're submitted, the public, the parties to the lawsuit, and a special master appointed by the court will have the opportunity to weigh in on the maps, and the MICRC will revise the maps accordingly. The court must finalize the House district maps by March 29. For more details on this schedule, please visit [promotethevotemi.com/maps](https://promotethevotemi.com/maps). The MICRC must redraw the six Senate maps before the 2026 general election.

## What is PTV doing to help ensure that the newly-drawn maps will be fair?

Promote the Vote and our coalition partners are committed to ensuring that the MICRC understands their responsibility as mapmakers and their duty to Michigan voters and communities. In redrawing districts, the priorities should be legislative maps that not only improve fairness but also support equitable voting power for historically marginalized groups and fairly and accurately reflect the way people live their lives in our state. Promote the Vote plans to submit maps that meet this high standard.

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