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## Update on the Decennial Community College Redistricting Process

Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
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### BACKGROUND

Section 178.820.4, RSMo, requires that, every ten years, after publication of the decennial census figures, each community college districts "which contains more than four hundred fifty thousand residents" complete the redistricting process. Section 178.820.4, RSMo, further provides that if a community college fails to complete the redistricting process within one year of publication of the census figures, all trustees must run "at large."

The process provided in statute is as follows:

1. The affected community college district board of trustees must vote to adopt a resolution calling for the formation of a redistricting committee within ninety days after publication of the decennial census figures. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
2. "Upon adoption of the resolution, the secretary of the board of trustees shall forward a certified copy [of the resolution] to the CBHE with the request that the redistricting committee be appointed in order to divide the community college districts into at least two and not more than six subdistricts for the purpose of electing trustees." (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
3. The board of trustees appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
4. The CBHE appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
5. The redistricting committee then meets and adopts a redistricting plan. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
6. Once the plan is approved by a majority of the redistricting committee, the committee forwards a certified copy, via the board of trustees secretary, to the CBHE for approval or disapproval. (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
7. "The CBHE shall approve any redistricting plan in which the population of any subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be selected therefrom substantially equals the population of any other subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be elected therefrom." (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
8. "If the plan is not approved, then it shall be returned to the redistricting committee for revision and resubmission." (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)

### CURRENT STATUS

DHEWD staff are working with the impacted community colleges on a plan for completing the redistricting process within the one year statutory timeframe. DHEWD staff hosted an informational meeting for impacted institutions and provided a checklist and timeline for the institutions as well.

Due to delays in the release of the decennial census redistricting data, the one year timeline for completion of the redistricting process has not begun. The US Census Bureau anticipates releasing the required data in September of 2021.

### NEXT STEPS

DHEWD staff are working with the impacted community colleges to bring their lists of redistricting committee nominations to the CBHE in December for a vote.

### RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

### NO ATTACHMENTS