



Redistricting

AND
how it affects you



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Dear Neighbor,

Every 10 years, after the Federal Government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the State's population. This is known as redistricting. The new redistricting maps were approved in December 2021 by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Due to redistricting, Senate districts have a unique issue that Assembly and Congressional districts do not have. Of the Senate districts established by the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2021, only the even-numbered districts went into effect for the 2022 election cycle.

The new odd-numbered districts will not go into effect until the 2024 election cycle. This means that the odd-numbered districts previously established by the 2011 redistricting will continue to exist until 2024. These unique circumstances create some areas of overlap between the old and new districts ("accelerated areas") and some areas without coverage ("deferred areas").

For the 2023-24 Regular Session of the Legislature, each accelerated area essentially has two Senators representing the area and each deferred area has none. The Senate Committee on Rules has assigned Senators to provide constituent services to deferred areas. This is a normal consequence of the redistricting process. Deferred areas will have Senate representation and constituent services associated with that representation.

Residents in the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama are now serviced by this district office and it is the job of the office to help you get answers to your questions about government or assist you with state agencies. If you have any questions or need assistance with constituent services, call the district office for these services:

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Here are some of the services available to you:

DMV / Auto insurance problems	Consumer complaints
Landlord / tenant disputes	Unemployment insurance questions
Medi-Cal, Covered California, or other health care	Small business assistance
Scholarship opportunities	Veteran's benefits

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

If you need information about existing or proposed state laws, the district office can help you with:

Analysis of legislation	Copies of legislation and laws
Committee member rosters	Expressing an opinion on legislation

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

If you have an idea for a local project, or a problem with a state or local agency that is not getting solved, the district office can:

Mediate between you and government agencies or offices	Help communicate your concern to local, state and federal officials
Visit your neighborhood or group to discuss state legislation or programs	Bring state experts to your community for advice on local issues

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