# Redistricting reform in Virginia: Enabling Legislation and Alternatives

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- Hybrid commission draws maps
- Independent commission (no role for G.A.)
- Advisory commission
- VA Supreme Court as fallback mechanism
- VA Supreme Court + special master as fallback
- Public website
- Public release of data
- Number of public hearings: 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 13
- Prevent commissioner conflicts-of-interest
- Commissioners must apply
- Commissioner diversity requirement

*HJ143 would take effect after 2031

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# Redistricting bills before the Virginia General Assembly: Fairness Criteria

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- Meet federal and state laws on racial/ethnic fairness
- Contiguous, compact, and equal population
- Respect or consider political boundaries
- Respect or consider communities of interest
- Reinforce 15th Amendment and Voting Rights Act
- Minimize split precincts
- Prohibit undue favor to party or incumbent
- Restrictions on using political data
- Mathematical formula to ensure fair maps
- Irregular boundaries only to meet other criteria
- Count prisoners in their home communities

*SB204 and HB877 have no criteria provisions

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