

Legal Criteria for Redistricting

1. Federal Law

- ✓ Ensure equal population
- ✓ Comply with federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Avoid racial gerrymandering

2. California Law

1. Ensure geographic **contiguity**
 2. Minimize division of neighborhoods & **“communities of interest”**
 3. Create easily identifiable boundaries
 4. Maintain **compactness**
- ✓ Do not “favor or discriminate against a political party”

3. Other Goals

- Minimize changes to election cycles
- Respect voters’ choices
- Preserve core of existing districts
- Anticipate future growth

Do not bypass a nearby population to take in a more distant population