

# **An Independent, Non-Partisan Commission to Perform Redistricting in Oregon**

- Who are we?
- How does it work?
- Why change now?



# City Club of Portland

Good citizens are the riches of a city

2009 Report on  
partisanship in the  
Oregon Legislature

- Interviewed
  - 2011 Legislative Redistricting Committee members
  - Past/present Secretaries of State
  - Academic experts
  - Media
  - Redistricting staffers, etc.
- Followed 2011 redistricting in Oregon and nationwide

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# 2011 Redistricting was historic

# **2011 succeeded due to:**

Key leadership

Relationships established

Split balance of power

**These are not factors  
we can count on**

**The time is now to develop  
a sustainable system**

# Enter HJR 17 and HB 2686

Establishes an independent commission to perform redistricting

Avoids distortions to our democratic representation

Removes perceived conflict of interest

Eliminates court shopping

With a few revisions (see handout) advances Oregon's national reputation as a good government leader

# Who are these commissioners?

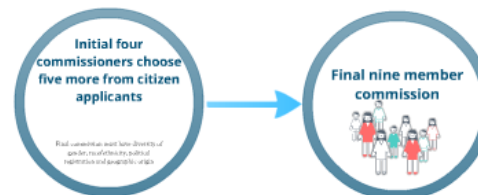
The commission is composed in two stages



## 1 Nominations



## 2 Citizen Applicants



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Former  
• Supreme Court Justices  
• Members of Congress

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- Oregon Commission on Indian Services
- Oregon Commission on Black Affairs
- Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
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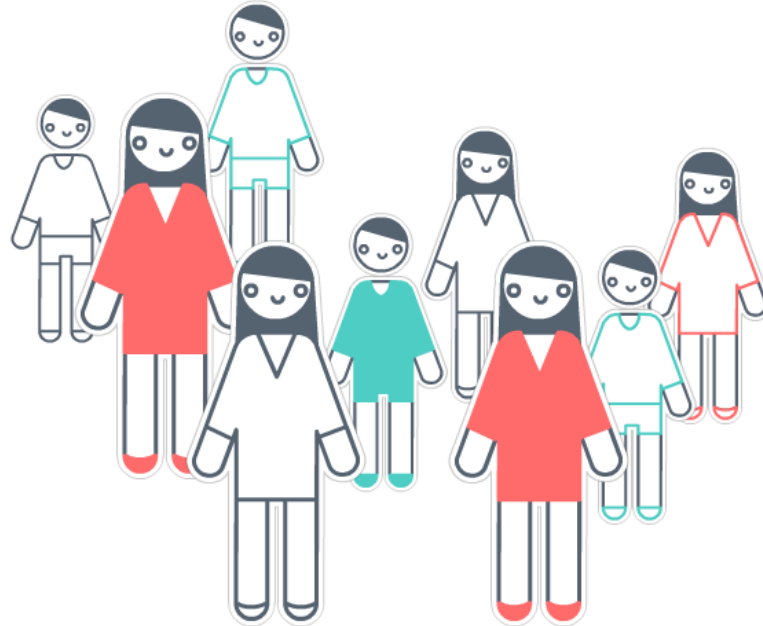




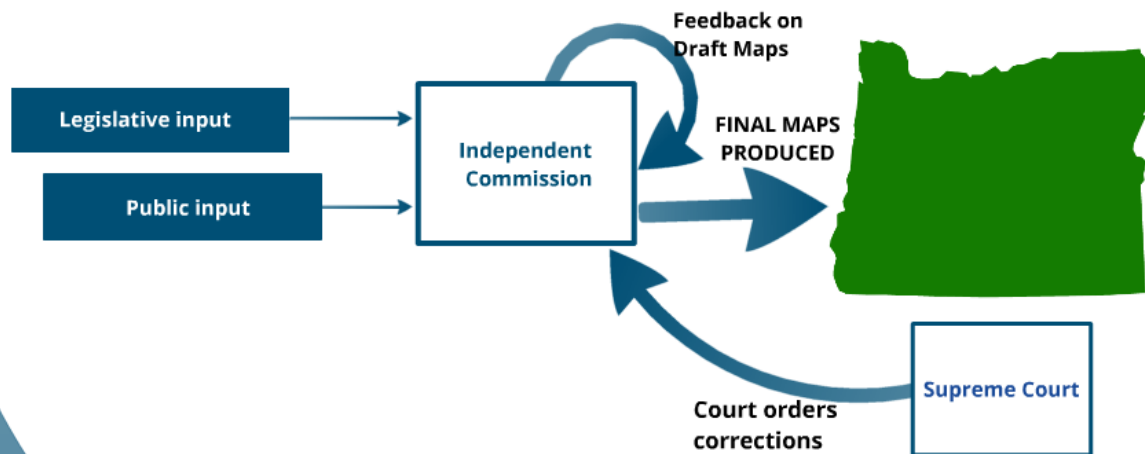
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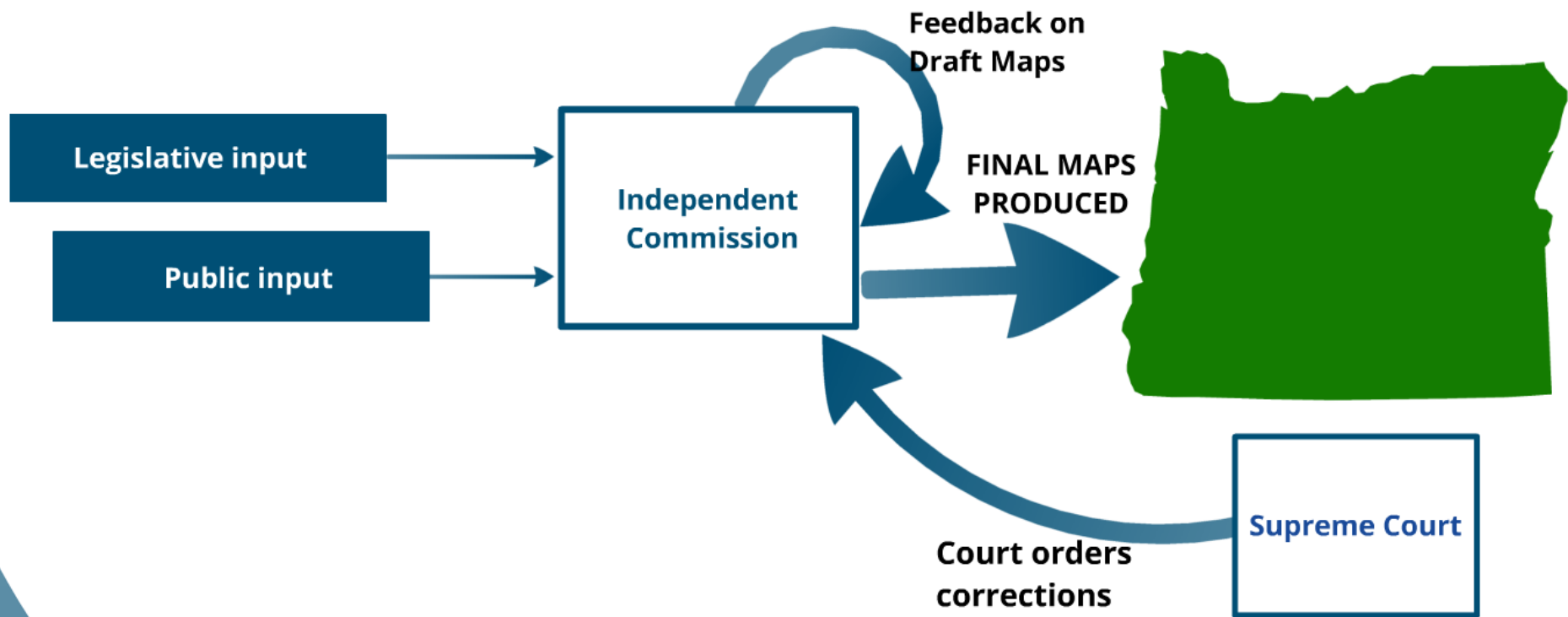
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# How does the commission operate?



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# Why now?

This is an urgent issue (as seen nationally).

To have credibility and integrity, redistricting reforms must occur well in advance of the census, before power structures have solidified.



**We respectfully request your support of**

**HJR 17 and HB 2686**

**For future generations of Oregonians**