



## Key Dates in SB 259-A (2021)

### Background:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and other unanticipated events, the release of the U.S. Census data needed to conduct redistricting has been delayed until August 2021. In response, the Oregon Supreme Court granted a request by the Legislative Assembly to modify the constitutional deadlines related to the redistricting of legislative districts on a one-time basis to account for the delays. (*State ex rel. Kotek v. Fagan*, 367 Or. 803 (2021)). SB 259-A modifies the statutory deadlines for the redistricting of congressional seats and subsequent state judicial review while also revising the filing deadlines for the May 2022 primary. The measure only applies to the 2021 redistricting cycle and 2022 primary as the measure sunsets in January of 2023. A full list of the modified dates is included below.

### Modified Congressional Redistricting Deadlines

#### Initial Deadlines:

September 27, 2021 – Deadline for Legislature to pass congressional reapportionment plan.

October 25, 2021 – Deadline for elector to file petition in Marion County Circuit Court challenging the Legislature's plan or requesting reapportionment if none was passed by Legislature.

November 1, 2021 – Deadline for elector to intervene in petition.

#### **Path 1: Deadlines if Legislature Adopted a Congressional Plan and Plan is Affirmed Without Change by Special Judicial Panel**

November 24, 2021 – Deadline for special judicial panel to dismiss all challenges to Legislature's adopted reapportionment plan if panel determines no changes are required.

November 29, 2021 – Deadline for party to appeal a dismissal of all challenges to Legislature's adopted reapportionment plan by the special judicial panel to the Oregon Supreme Court.

December 27, 2021 – Deadline for the Oregon Supreme Court to approve Legislature's adopted reapportionment plan that was affirmed without change by special judicial panel or to require special judicial panel to amend or substitute Legislature's adopted reapportionment plan.

January 24, 2022 – Deadline for special judicial panel to make required changes and submit revised reapportionment plan to the Oregon Supreme court.

February 7, 2022 – Deadline for the Oregon Supreme Court to approve final reapportionment plan.

## **Path 2: Deadlines if Legislature Failed to Adopt a Congressional Plan or Special Judicial Panel Accepts Challenge to Legislature's Adopted Congressional Plan**

November 24, 2021 – Deadline for special judicial panel to adopt reapportionment plan or make changes to Legislature's adopted reapportionment plan.

November 29, 2021 – Deadline for party to appeal reapportionment plan adopted or modified by the special judicial panel to the Oregon Supreme Court.

December 27, 2021 – Deadline for the Oregon Supreme Court to approve reapportionment plan adopted or modified by special judicial panel or require changes to be made to plan adopted by special judicial panel.

January 24, 2022 – Deadline for special judicial panel to make required additional changes and submit revised reapportionment plan to the Oregon Supreme Court.

February 7, 2022 – Deadline for the Oregon Supreme Court to approve final reapportionment plan.

### **Modified Primary Filing Deadlines**

October 26, 2021 – Filing for primary election opens for major party candidates for Oregon Senate and House and U.S. House if reapportionment plans adopted by Legislative Assembly were not challenged via the Oregon Supreme Court.

November 16, 2021 – Filing for primary election opens for major party candidates for Oregon Senate and House (but not U.S. House) if no redistricting plan was adopted by the Legislative Assembly, the Oregon Secretary of State (SOS) adopted a redistricting plan, and the SOS redistricting plan was not challenged via the Oregon Supreme Court.

January 1 - February 8, 2022 – Dates between which filing will open for major party candidates for Oregon Senate or House or U.S. House if plans are challenged via the Oregon Supreme Court. The exact date the filing period will open will be dependent on when the challenged plans are finalized.

March 8, 2022 – Deadline for Oregon Senate or House or U.S. House major party candidate to file for primary election.

March 10, 2022 – Deadline for Oregon Senate or House or U.S. House major party candidate to file statement and picture for voter's pamphlet.

May 17, 2022 – Primary election day.