

2025 Redistricting Scorecard for Advocacy Organizations & Attorneys

Use this checklist to evaluate whether new maps protect voters and communities.

Process Standards

- Were all meetings open to the public, accessible, compliant with open meeting laws?
- Were draft maps and data made available to the public?
- Did voters have real opportunities to comment, testify, or submit maps?
- Was the plan adopted by more than a simple majority vote?
- Was the process led by a legislative body or independent commission?

Community Protection Standards

- Majority-minority districts remain intact and effective, including communities of color and language minorities where applicable.
- Colleges, universities, and education centers are kept within a single district to protect the interests of students and young voters.
- Agricultural centers and family farms are not split apart.
- Native American reservations remain within single districts.

Equity & Integrity Standards

- Communities of interest are preserved and respected.
- Municipal and county boundaries are considered.
- Partisan fairness is promoted — no party or incumbent gets special protection.
- Compactness and competitiveness are considered, without undermining community protections.



Legal Accountability Standards (for Advocacy Organizations and Attorneys)

Does the map comply with equal population requirements (“one person, one vote”)?

Are districts geographically contiguous?

Are communities of color and language minorities provided effective representation?

Are existing majority-minority or Section 2 districts maintained as effective districts?

Are existing language minority districts (Section 203) districts maintained?

Did lawmakers prevent “cracking” and “packing” of minority communities?

Did lawmakers conduct a racial polarization study before drawing majority-minority districts?

Voter Score: Advocacy Organizations & Attorneys

Each checked box above counts as 1 point. To evaluate your state’s performance, tally all the checked boxes and score using the scale below.

Scoring:

1 – 14 points: Falls Short

15 – 19 points: Meets Standards

Bottom Line

Meets Standards: Map protects communities, strengthens democracy.

Falls Short: Map risks disenfranchisement, invites legal challenge, and erodes public trust.

____ Total Score

Does your state's map meet our standards? Yes ____ No ____

States that violate these principles will face swift accountability — in the courts, where we will challenge unlawful maps, and at the ballot box, where we will mobilize record voter turnout to ensure the will of the people is heard.