

## 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 – 4 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 \_\_\_\_

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**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.**