

REDISTRICTING PLANS (EXCERPT)
Act 463 of 1996

4.264 Filing of petition for review; duties of supreme court.

Sec. 4. If a petition for review is filed in the supreme court under section 2 or 3, the supreme court shall do all of the following:

(a) Exercising original jurisdiction provided under section 6 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963, or other jurisdiction pursuant to Michigan court rule 7.301(A)(7) or any successor court rule, undertake the preparation of a redistricting plan for the house of representatives and the senate.

(b) Appoint and utilize a special master or masters as the court considers necessary.

(c) Provide, by order, for the submission of proposed redistricting plans by political parties and other interested persons who have been allowed to intervene. Political parties shall be granted intervention as of right.

(d) After hearing oral argument or appointing special masters, propose 1 plan for the consideration of the parties and the public, and make that plan available for public inspection at least 30 days in advance of the time set for hearing in subdivision (f).

(e) Prescribe, by order or otherwise, the procedure for and the deadlines pertaining to filing objections and rebuttal to the proposed plan in advance of the hearing scheduled in subdivision (f).

(f) Hold a hearing on the proposed plan at a time determined by the court but not later than March 10 immediately following the deadline established in section 1.

(g) In order to provide for the orderly election process and for candidates to meet statutory deadlines for filing and residency, order a redistricting plan for the senate and house of representatives not later than April 1 immediately following the deadline established in section 1.

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