

# Redistricting in 2022

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## Today's Agenda

- Timeline & preparation for redistricting
- Roles of the State, County and Municipalities
- How we can collaborate our efforts, create efficiencies
- Recent actions by the MN Legislature and MN Supreme Court
- Other items?

## Redistricting Timeline: Important Dates

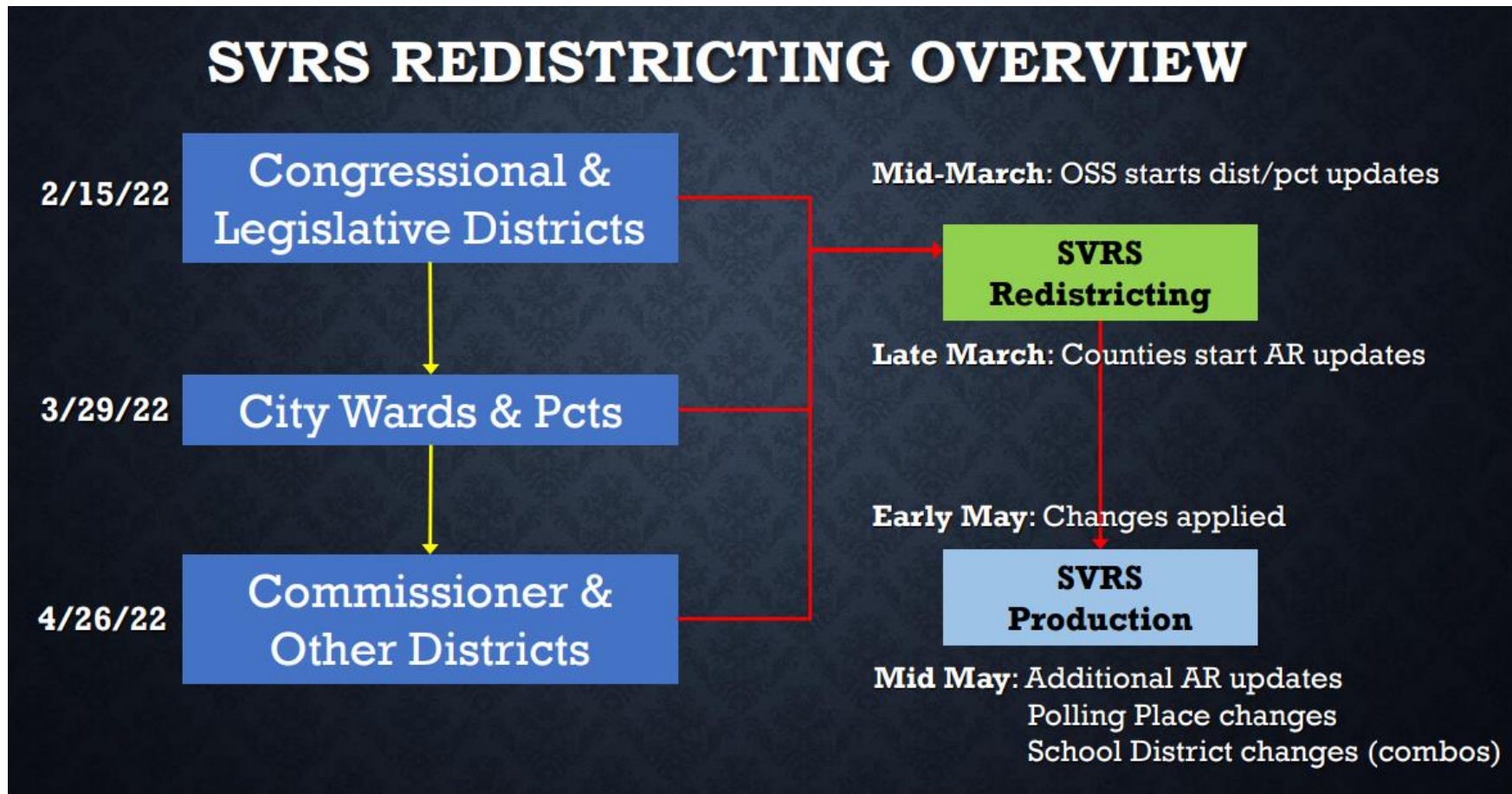
- Legislative and congressional boundaries: **2/15/2022**
  - Intended deadline (25 weeks before primary)
  - Lawsuits have already been filed to put courts in a position to take over
- Municipal precincts and wards: **3/29/2022** (19 weeks before primary)
  - Or within 60 days of legislative boundaries being passed
- Other districts: **4/26/2022** (15 weeks before primary)
  - County commissioner districts, school districts
  - Or within 80 days of legislative boundaries being passed
- No elections held on the uniform dates in April/May 2022
  - February is only time for special elections before August 2022

## Redistricting Timeline: Preparation

Process will move fast, let's be prepared:

- Review your current precinct boundaries, locations, and populations
  - Are these working for your City's voters?
  - Given census data, do you need to add/subtract precincts?
  - RC sent recommendations to all city clerks based on our experience running your polling places.
- Consider your mapping abilities, GIS work
  - RC is using ESRI Redistricting software
  - Caliper's Maptitude is also a good choice
  - Internal options?
- Have conversations with your Council/Board and have a public input process
- RC Elections will provide technical expertise, don't hesitate to reach out.

# Updating the Statewide Voter Registration System



## Legislature's Statutory Duties

- Reestablish or redistrict both the Congressional Districts and the Legislative Districts (MN House and Senate)
- Historically the courts have had to complete this work. This occurs if the legislature cannot meet their statutory deadline. Cases have already been filed to force this action in the Courts.
  - Peter Wattson, et al v. Secretary of State Steve Simon

## Municipalities' Statutory Duties

- Municipality responsibilities
  - Reestablish or redistrict precinct boundaries.
    - Notify county auditor and OSS after completion.
    - Post and publish newly established precinct boundaries.
  - Designate polling places.
    - Notify households of changes – **RC will do this for contract cities**

## County's Statutory Duties

- County auditor responsibilities:
  - Provide legislative and congressional district plans to cities and school districts. These plans are provided to us from the state.
  - Update Statewide Voter Registration System based on district boundary changes.
  - Notify school districts of precinct boundary changes.
  - Publish and post finalized congressional, legislative, county commissioner, and precinct boundaries.
  - SVRS address range updates
- Board's responsibilities:
  - Re-establish or redistrict Commissioner Districts using the municipal precincts boundaries.



## Other Responsibilities

- Office of the Secretary of State
  - Train the County Auditor and their staff
    - This is currently on-going, and we'll provide you information as it become available
  - Update the statewide database with precinct and district changes.
  - Notify county auditor and cities of any corrections to plans.

## Working together, create efficiencies

- Create standards your council/board will follow
- Lobby legislature to ensure workable boundaries for your city
  - Boundaries that do not split-up “communities of interest” or established neighborhoods and colleges.
  - Follow major roads or obvious lines of sight (shorelines, railroads, park boundaries), avoid boundaries that have no physical features.
- As best as possible, have an equal number of voters in each precinct.
  - We recommend keeping precincts under 2,000 voters.
  - Consider the demographic changes of your voters since 2012.
- Start drawing plans today
  - If your city does not have legislative changes, then you’re almost done.

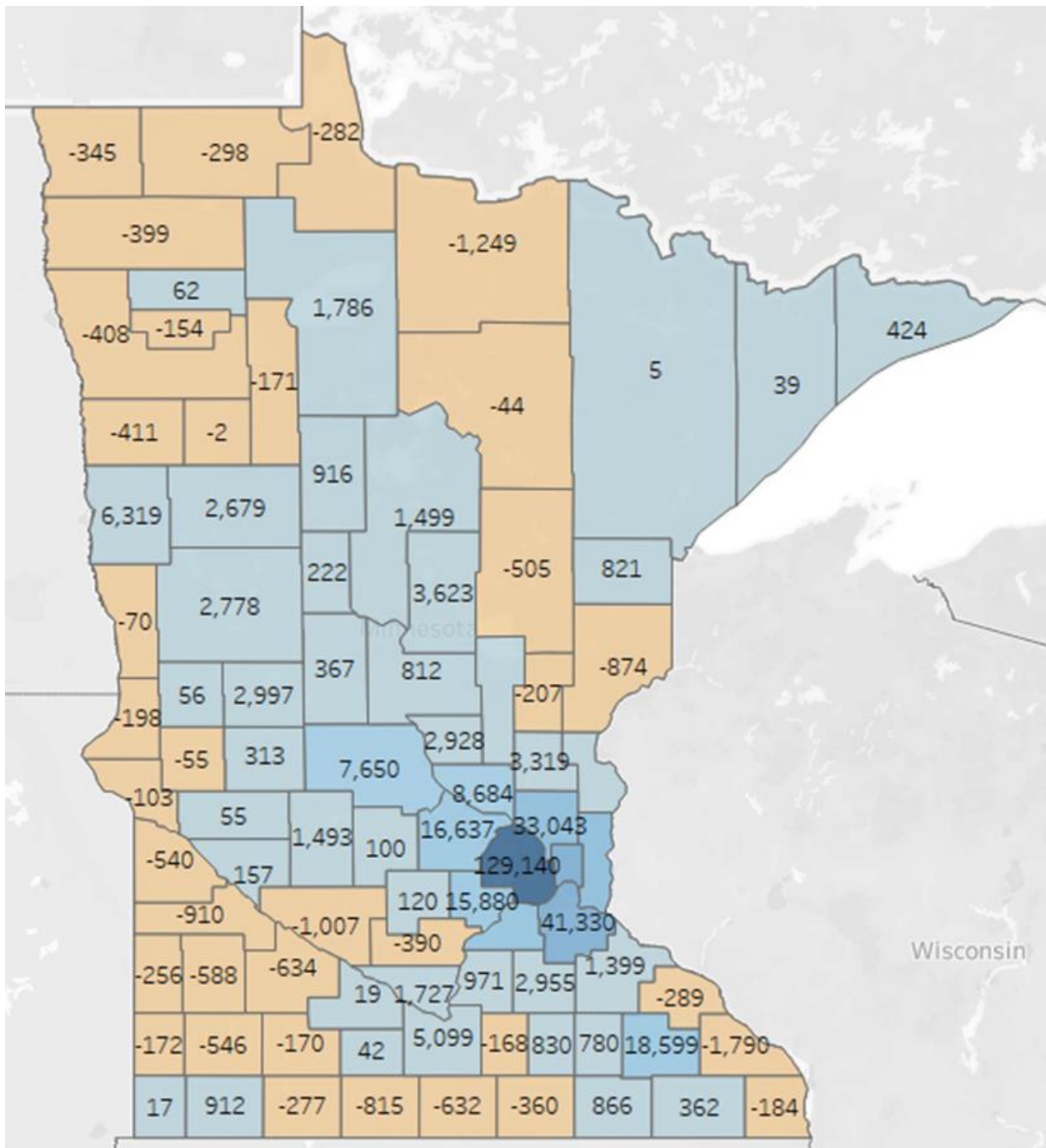
## Legislative Update

- Redistricting committees have been meeting.
  - Informational overviews on history, timelines, etc.
  - Listening sessions for congressional districts.

## MN Supreme Court Update

- Five judge panel selected in June.
  - Will hear cases based on legislative and congressional redistricting.
  - Public hearings to begin in October.
- Delay of census data has caused this activity to overlap with the legislature's work.

# Numeric Change, Total Population, 2010-2020



## Largest Gains (Numeric)

Rank	County	Numeric change	Percentage Change
1	Hennepin	129,140	11.2%
2	Ramsey	43,712	8.6%
3	Dakota	41,330	10.4%
4	Anoka	33,043	10.0%
5	Washington	29,432	12.4%

## Largest Losses (Numeric)

83	Pine	(874)	-2.9%
84	Yellow Medicine	(910)	-8.7%
85	Renville	(1,007)	-6.4%
86	Koochiching	(1,249)	-9.4%
87	Winona	(1,790)	-3.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

## Other

- Questions?
- OSS training
  - <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/2021-redistricting-training-and-resources/>
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