

## 2019 CONGRESSIONAL PLAN CRITERIA

- Equal Population. The Committee will use the 2010 federal decennial census data as the sole basis of population for the establishment of districts in the 2019 Congressional Plan. The number of persons in each congressional district shall be as nearly as equal as practicable, as determined under the most recent federal decennial census.
- Contiguity. Congressional districts shall be comprised of contiguous territory. Contiguity by water is sufficient.
- Data. Data identifying the race of individuals or voters shall *not* be used in the construction or consideration of districts in the 2019 Congressional Plan. Voting districts (“VTDs”) should be split only when necessary to comply with the zero deviation population requirements.
- Compactness. In light of the *Harris* court’s criticism of the compactness of the First and Twelfth Districts, the Committee shall make reasonable efforts to construct districts in the 2019 Congressional Plan that maintain or improve the compactness of the current enacted plan and keep as many or more counties and VTDs whole as compared to the current enacted plan. Division of counties shall only be made for reasons of equalizing population and consideration of double bunking.
- Double Bunking. Candidates for Congress are not required by law to reside in a district they seek to represent. However, reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that incumbent members of Congress are not paired with another incumbent in one of the new districts constructed in the 2019 Congressional Plan.
- Election Data. Partisan considerations and election results data *shall not* be used in the drawing of legislative districts in the 2019 Congressional Plan.