

Criteria for Consideration of Draft Wake County House Plans

To be eligible for consideration by the Committee, all plans must be in either bill or amendment form, and must comply with all of these criteria. The Chair will review each plan for compliance before it is considered by the Committee.

1. **Equal Population:** Draft plans shall use 2010 federal decennial census data as the sole basis of population for drawing legislative districts in the Wake House plans. The number of persons in each legislative district shall comply with the +/- 5 percent population deviation standard set forth in relevant caselaw.
2. **Contiguity:** Legislative districts shall be comprised of contiguous territory.
3. **Wake County Limitation:** All changes to the 2018 House Election Districts shall be contained to Wake County. No legislative districts outside of Wake County House Districts may be altered.
4. **Limitation on Four House seats:** Pursuant to the November 2, 2018 order of the three judge panel of the Wake County Superior Court in NAACP v. Lewis, 18 CVS 002322, House Districts 36, 37, 40, and 41 must be returned to the form used in the 2012, 2014, and 2016 elections.
5. **Compactness:** Any plan submitted to the committee for consideration must disclose the Reock (“dispersion”) and Polsby-Popper (“perimeter”) scores for legislative districts.
6. **Municipal Boundaries:** Any plan submitted to the committee for consideration must disclose the number of split municipalities.
7. **VTD Splits:** Any plan submitted to the committee for consideration must disclose the number of split VTDs.
8. **Racial Data:** If a plan utilizes data identifying the race of individuals or voters in the drawing of House districts, a sponsor must be prepared to explain the justification for the use of that data in the drafting of legislative districts not enumerated in criterion #4.

9. **Election Data:** If a sponsor uses election data in the drawing of House districts, the sponsor must be prepared to explain what election data was used in the drafting of the legislative districts not enumerated in criterion #4.
10. **Incumbency:** If a sponsor uses incumbency data in the drawing of House districts, the sponsor must be prepared to explain what incumbency data was used in the drafting of the legislative districts not enumerated in criterion #4. To facilitate the use of incumbency data for any member wishing to use it, central staff is directed to secure this information from the Wake County house delegation in a manner similar to the 2017 House redistricting process.
11. **Timing:** In order to be considered, a completed, compliant plan must be submitted to Committee staff for drafting by 3 PM on June 4, 2019. The Committee plans to meet again on June 6, 2019. Upon notice of the Chair, Committee staff will place a comment box on the front page of the General Assembly website to receive input on the proposals to be considered by the Committee.