

HR 7948

To require any entity established to develop congressional redistricting plans for a State to hold public hearings at which individuals who are members of communities of interest have a meaningful opportunity to express their views on proposed redistricting plans, and for other purposes.

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This bill requires any entity other than the legislature of a state that develops a congressional redistricting plan for a state, including an independent redistricting commission, to

- hold multiple public hearings prior to the development of a final plan,
- ensure that individuals may attend such hearings virtually,
- hold such hearings in locations which are within a reasonable distance of the locations of communities of interest, and
- ensure that members of communities of interest have meaningful opportunities to express their views on any of the entity's plans.

For purposes of this bill, *communities of interest* may include political subdivisions such as counties, municipalities, tribal lands and reservations, or school districts, but shall not include common relationships with political parties or political candidates.

Actions Timeline

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