

# GUIDELINES

Below are some brief guidelines with respect to creating your Redistricting Scenarios.

- Article V, Section 4 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution provides:

The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters.

- The Legislature may submit more than one redistricting scenario for vote by the electorate.
- All tribal members are entitled to vote and have representation no matter where they may live.
- Redistricting cannot be gradually phased in over multiple general elections.
- You cannot propose a scenario that keeps things the same.
- The Legislature may change, establish, or discontinue districts.
- Any redistricting plan must have more than one district.
- A redistricting scenario may decrease or increase the number of current districts.
- Tribal Members living in a certain geographic region must be able to select their Legislators.
- You do not have to use the very best plan to achieve the goal of equal representation, but any plan that moves the Nation closer to that goal. A Redistricting Scenario is constitutional if it moves the Nation closer to the goal of one-person/one-vote. For a further explanation see the handout entitled "FORMULA ON REDISTRICTING".

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