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Timeline:

- * Summer 2011, legislature conducts hearings around the state to get public input
- * Jan. 10, 2012, legislature meets for its 60-day legislative session.
- * March 9, 2012, Session ends
- * March 10, 2012, legislature petitions the Florida Supreme Court for its required review of the districts; the court has 30 days
- * April 16, 2012, the FSC completes its review and legislature sends the redistricting plan to the U.S. Department of Justice for its required review; the DOJ has 60 days
- * June 18 districts are finalized and candidates may start qualifying for newly drawn districts.