



GALLATIN COUNTY REDISTRICTING FAQs



What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the act of drawing new political boundaries. In Montana, a five-member Districting and Apportionment Commission has authority under the Montana Constitution to draw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts every 10 years. Using population data from the most recent U.S. Census, the commission must draw districts with approximately the same number of people in them. Montana has used a commission to draw congressional and state legislative districts since 1973.

The Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission adopted the final Legislative Districting Plan and Filed the plan with the Montana Secretary of State on February 22, 2023.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Districting & Apportionment Commission.

What's Changing as a result of the redistricting process?

Montana law requires that precinct boundaries conform to legislative boundaries following the adoption of a districting and apportionment plan under Article V, Section 14, of the Montana Constitution. On April 4th the Gallatin County Commission adopted [Resolution No. 2023-037](#) establishing the new Gallatin County Precinct Boundaries, which became effective in July. As a result of this process, Gallatin County's total number of precincts increased from 32 precincts to 46 precincts, and Gallatin County now includes two additional Senate Districts and three additional House Districts.

[Updated 2023 Gallatin County Precincts Map](#)
[Updated Senate & House District Map](#)

What does this mean for voters in Gallatin County?

Voting in Montana is determined based on a residential address of a voter. Since legislative district boundaries were changed as a result of the redistricting process, a voter's residential address may now be located in a different House and/or Senate District, and, therefore, a voter's precinct assignment may also change. If a voter's House and Senate District changes, this affects who their legislative representatives are and what district position/candidates they will vote on.

How will I know if my voter registration (Senate/House/Precinct) information has changed as a result of redistricting?

Gallatin County Elections staff are working on redistricting processes to update the county's voter registration database. The department will be mailing updated Voter Information Cards to all registered voters the beginning of September once all these updates have been completed.

Voters can locate their updated precinct locations on the new [2023 Gallatin County Precinct Map](#).

NOTE on County Districts

Commissioner Districts are proposed to be changed (currently in review by a district court judge) via [Resolution #2023-115](#). However, updates in Commission District boundaries are a result of the decennial census and not redistricting, and Commissioners are elected countywide – not based on district. Therefore, voters will still be able to vote on all Commission District elections and candidates. Likewise, local districts including Special Purpose Districts and School District boundaries were NOT affected as part of the redistricting processes.

Will my polling place location change?

Gallatin County established voting places on August 15th via [Resolution No. 2023-116](#). Many of the same polling places have not changed with the addition of one polling place designated in Bozeman-Four Corners area. Precincts were designated to a polling location considering voters locations within precincts and travel proximity. However, with changes in boundaries and precincts, it is possible your polling place has changed. To locate your updated polling place view the [2023 Gallatin County Precinct Map](#).