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Can you please post this on the website in the Advocacy Section?

Thanks!
Katherine

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Legislative Update Second Special Session

Iowa's New Districts are Finalized!

The Iowa General Assembly met yesterday, October 28, for their second special session of the year to consider new Congressional and legislative maps. In September, the Iowa Senate rejected the first round of proposed districts and asked the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to address concerns relating to their compactness and population distribution.

Yesterday, the House and Senate approved the second round of proposed maps and thanked the LSA for addressing their concerns. Legislators offered

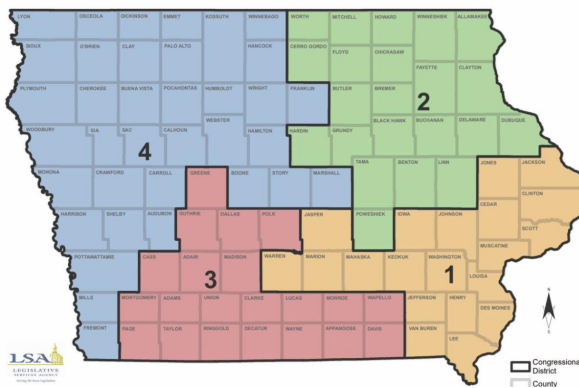
continued support for Iowa’s non-partisan redistricting process.

Congressional Districts



Kate and Matt chat with Senators Amy Sinclair (R-Allerton) and Tom Shipley (R-Nodaway)

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The Congressional map can be found [here](#).

The 1st Congressional District does not currently contain an incumbent member of Congress. Democratic State Representative [Christine Bohannon](#) has announced her intention to run for this Congressional seat.

In the 2nd Congressional District Republican Congresswoman [Ashley Hinson](#) is the incumbent member of Congress. She will be challenged by

Democratic State Senator [Liz Mathis](#).

The 3rd Congressional District is home to two incumbent members of Congress - Democratic Congresswoman [Cindy Axne](#) and Republican Congresswoman [Mariannette Miller-Meeks](#). Following the adoption of the new Congressional maps Congresswoman Miller-Meeks announced her intention run for re-election and to evaluate the new legislative districts to determine her next steps. It is possible she would re-locate to the new 1st district as it contains many of the counties from her current district.

The 4th Congressional District is represented by Republican Congressman [Randy Feenstra](#), who has announced his intention to run for re-election.

Iowa Senate and House

The new legislative districts for the Iowa [Senate](#) and [House](#) were also approved. You can find more detailed information here on the [legislative website](#).

As is common, the new state legislative districts place a number of incumbents together. There are 20 of the 50 members of the Iowa Senate who now reside in same district. There are 38 of the 100 members of the Iowa House who share a district under the new map.

The Iowa Senators are elected to four year terms.

If Senators were elected or re-elected in 2018, they will face re-election in 2022 for a four-year term.

If they were elected or re-elected in 2020 Senators will face re-election in 2022 for a two-year term if at least two incumbent Senators reside in a holdover district as of February 1, 2022. Senators elected in 2020 will not face re-election in 2022 for a two-year term if only one incumbent Senator resides in a new district as of February 1, 2022. The Senator must have been elected from their place of residence in the previous election.

Members of the Iowa House serve two year terms and they will all be subject to election/re-election in 2022. If two incumbent House members of the same party continue to reside in the same district they will run in the June primary.



Kate gets an update from Senate Democratic Leader Zach Wahls (D-Coralville)

Covid-19 Vaccine Exemption

In response to the Biden Administration's Covid-19 vaccine mandate for businesses with more than 100 employees and a number of Iowa businesses who have instituted vaccine requirements, the Iowa legislature passed a new vaccine exemption in [HF 902](#). Governor Reynolds has indicated her intention to sign the bill.



Under HF 902 Iowa employees can request a religious exemption from an employers' Covid-19 vaccine requirement or a medical exemption from a vaccine requirement by simply filing a statement that they believe a vaccination could cause them harm. They are not required to provide any documentation to support the request for an exemption. If employers do not accept the request for an exemption and employees are terminated for refusing to get a COVID-19 vaccine they would be eligible to collect unemployment benefits.

The bill passed the Senate 45-4 and the House 67-27.

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