



ADOPTING MICHIGAN'S FINAL PLANS

Voting Procedures Outlined in the
Michigan Constitution

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**VOTERS**
NOT POLITICIANS

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Scenario A: **Constitutional Majority**



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Mich. Const. Art. IV, sec. 6(14)(c):

A final decision of the commission to adopt a redistricting plan requires a majority vote of the commission, including at least two commissioners who affiliate with each major party, and at least two commissioners who do not affiliate with either major party...

Scenario A: Constitutional majority (example)

Commission approves a final set of collaborative state house maps. Each map was tested & meets the criteria & was made public for 45 days of public comment before a final vote.



Scenario A: Constitutional majority (example)



D Commissioners (4)	R Commissioners (4)	NA Commissioners (5)	Total
2 ✓	2 ✓	3 ✓	7
2	2	1	5
0	1	0	1

👉 **The MICRC has adopted the TEAL map**
with 7 total votes, including votes from at least
2D, 2R, and 2 non-affiliated (NA) Commissioners

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Scenario B: **Ranked Choice**

If Scenario A fails to yield a Constitutional Majority...



D Commissioners (4)	R Commissioners (4)	NA Commissioners (5)	Total
2 ✓	1 ✗	3 ✓	6
2 ✓	2 ✓	1 ✗	5
0 ✗	1 ✗	1 ✗	2

NO MAP gets a Constitutional majority, including votes from at least 2D, 2R, and 2 NA Commissioners, so the process moves to Ranked Choice Voting



Scenario B: Ranked Choice Voting

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RCV Step 1: Commissioners can submit maps for consideration

In our example, 4 commissioners submitted maps for consideration for ranked choice voting. All maps must have been made available for 45 days of public comment:

NA1 (non-affiliated) submits the **TEAL** Collaborative Map

NA2 submits **YELLOW** Map

D1 (Dem) submits **GREEN** Map

R3 (Rep) submits **PINK** Map

Total maps up for consideration = 4

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RCV Step 2: Commissioners rank the maps

Each commissioner ranks each map = **4 (best), 3, 2, or 1 (worst)**



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TEAL map



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R1 submits
PINK map

RCV Step 2: Commissioners rank the maps



Votes	TEAL (NA)	YELLOW (NA)	GREEN (D)	PINK (R)
D1	4	1	3	2
D2	4	3	2	1
D3	3	2	4	1
D4	4	3	2	1
R1	2	4	3	1
R2	4	2	1	3
R3	3	2	1	4
R4	3	1	2	4
N1	4	3	2	1
N2	3	4	1	2
N3	4	3	2	1
N4	4	2	1	3
N5	3	4	1	2



RCV Step 3: Most points wins if requirements are met

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(iii) The commission shall adopt the plan receiving the highest total points, that is also ranked among the top half of plans by at least two commissioners not affiliated with the party of the commissioner submitting the plan, or in the case of a plan submitted by non-affiliated commissioners, is ranked among the top half of plans by at least two commissioners affiliated with a major party...



RCV Step 3: Most points wins if requirements are met

- In an RCV scenario, it's not just the map with the most points that gets adopted. **It has to have the most points AND be ranked in the top half of the votes by commissioners in other “buckets.”**
- If a non-affiliated commissioner submits a map for RCV, then in order to be adopted, that map has to get the most points AND be given 3 or 4 points by at least 2 Ds, or 2 Rs, or 1 D & 1R commissioner.
- If the map was submitted by a Democratic-affiliated commissioner, then in order to be adopted, it must receive the most points AND be given 3 or 4 points by at least 2 non-Democratic commissioners (non-affiliated or R).
- If the map was submitted by a Republican-affiliated commissioner, to be adopted, it must receive the most points AND be given 3 or 4 points by at least 2 non-Republican commissioners (non-affiliated or D).

RCV Step 3: Most points wins if requirements are met

Votes	TEAL (NA)	YELLOW (NA)	GREEN (D)	PINK (R)
D1	4 ✓	1	3	2
D2	4 ✓	3	2	1
D3	3 ✓	2	4	1
D4	4 ✓	3	2	1
R1	2	4	3	1
R2	4 ✓	2	1	3
R3	3 ✓	2	1	4
R4	3 ✓	1	2	4
N1	4	3	2	1
N2	3	4	1	2
N3	4	3	2	1
N4	4	2	1	3
N5	3	4	1	2
Totals (130)	45	34	25	26

RCV Step 3: Most points wins if requirements are met

Votes	TEAL (NA)
D1	4 ✓
D2	4 ✓
D3	3 ✓
D4	4 ✓
R1	2
R2	4 ✓
R3	3 ✓
R4	3 ✓
N1	4
N2	3
N3	4
N4	4
N5	3
Totals (130)	45

TEAL (submitted by a non-affiliated commissioner) got the most votes and met the “other buckets” requirement.

✓ = Indicates that the map was ranked in the top ½ of maps by Ds or Rs.



The MICRC has adopted the TEAL map!



RCV winner: Highest points + consensus requirements met

4 commissioners submitted maps for consideration for ranked choice voting:

- NA1 submitted the **TEAL Collaborative Map**
 - ✓ **Has the highest score (45)**
 - ✓ **Was ranked in the top ½ of maps (i.e., scored a 3 or a 4) by at least 1 D and 1 R commissioner, or 2 Ds, or 2 Rs**
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Scenario C: **RCV & SOS Tie-Break**

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Scenario C: If 2 maps TIE after RCV, SOS randomly picks btwn 2

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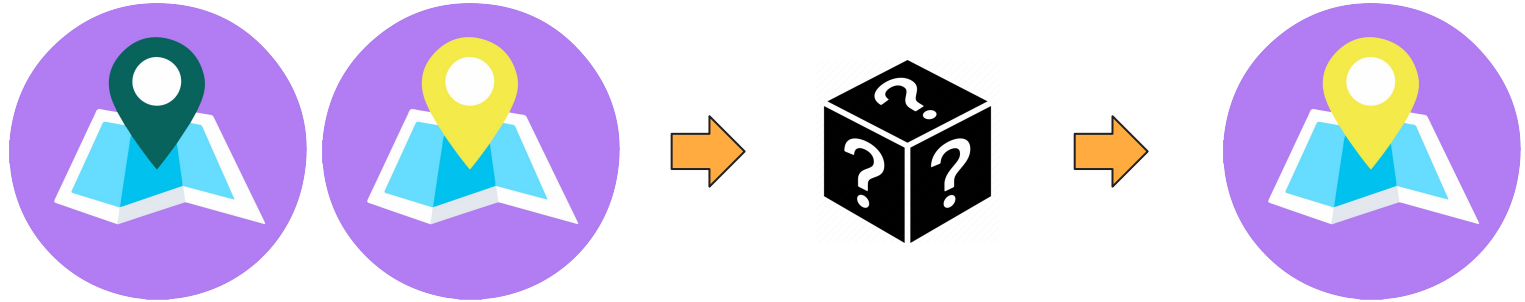
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D1	4 ✓	1	3	2
D2	3 ✓	4 ✓	2	1
D3	3 ✓	2	4	1
D4	3 ✓	4 ✓	2	1
R1	2	4 ✓	3	1
R2	2	4 ✓	1	3
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N1	4	3	2	1
N2	3	4	1	2
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N4	4	2	1	3
N5	3	4	1	2
Totals (130)	40	40		

✓ = Indicates that the map (submitted by a non-affiliated commissioner) was ranked in the top ½ of maps by Ds or Rs. Both maps meet the “other buckets” requirement. **On points, the TEAL and YELLOW maps TIE.**

Scenario C: If 2 maps TIE after RCV, SOS randomly picks btwn 2



The TEAL and YELLOW maps TIE.

The SOS randomly chooses YELLOW MAP.



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Scenario D: **SOS Random Selection**



Scenario D: SOS selects from among maps submitted for RCV

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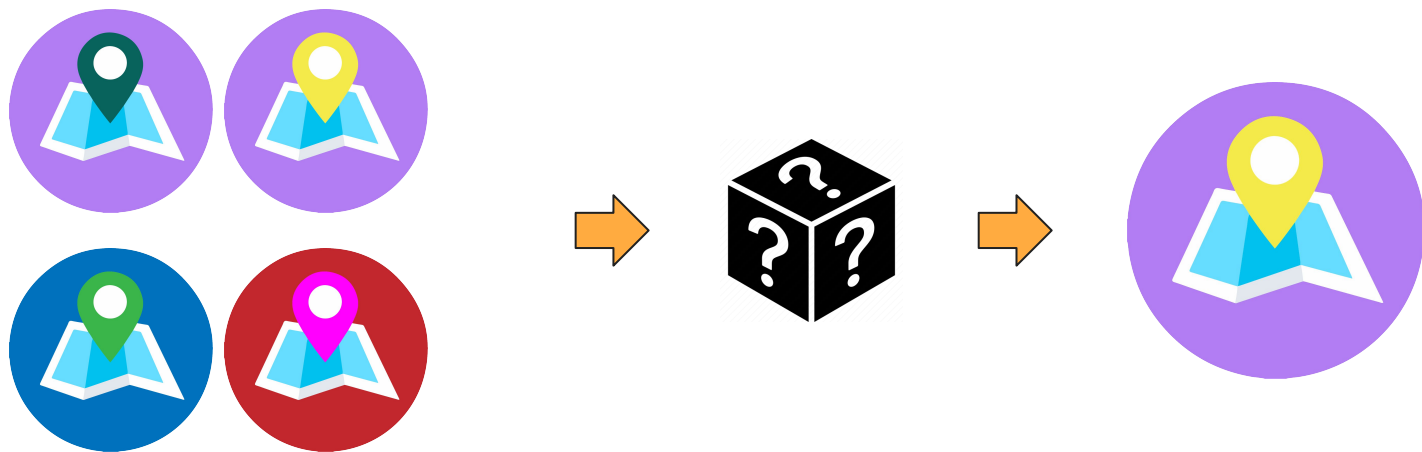
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Scenario D: SOS selects from among maps submitted for RCV



No map wins RCV + passes Constitutional consensus requirements.
SOS randomly chooses between 4 maps that were submitted
The SOS randomly chooses YELLOW MAP.



MICRC has adopted the YELLOW map!