

Stanford Charter

Sec. C1-70-4. - Voting Districts; Reapportionment; Mandatory Redistricting.

The City shall remain divided into twenty (20) voting districts. Said voting districts shall each contain substantially equal numbers of population. Each voting district shall be in as compact and contiguous form as practicable and shall follow geographical divisions wherever practical in determining voting district boundaries. Following the 1980 census and every ten years thereafter, a Reapportionment Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Representatives within sixty (60) days after the Federal Census figures are made available to the City. The Reapportionment Commission shall be composed of eight (8) electors with four members from each party selected by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Board of Representatives. The Commission shall report to the Board of Representatives within six months after appointment, and may utilize demographic data assembled by the Planning Board, computer resources of the City, and such other resources, facilities and funding as the Board of Representatives may deem desirable to carry out the purpose of this Section. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of said report and after a public hearing thereon, the Board of Representatives must accept, reject, or modify the report. Within sixty (60) days thereafter: (a) if the report is accepted or modified, the Board of Representatives shall enact any necessary ordinance; (b) if the report is rejected, then the Board of Representatives must by ordinance enact its own re-districting plan. The Mayor shall have no veto over any ordinance enacting a plan for re-districting.

(Referendum 11-8-1977; Referendum 11-7-1995)