

Districting Commission Sends New Maps To DOJ

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The commission responsible for drawing up the latest redistricting maps says it will now send its [final plan](#) to the U.S. Department of Justice for review.

The Districting Commission also said Monday it had already submitted the plan to the city clerk. Next, the DOJ will need to evaluate whether or not the communities falling in between the lines are either willfully or inadvertently discriminated against based on race or color. Otherwise known as the Section Five of the Voting Rights Act, the protections only apply to Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

The Department of Justice will have 60 days after it receives the commission's maps to evaluate the lines for the city's 51 districts. The City Council quietly filed the maps last week. No council members lodged complaints by Friday's deadline — meaning the plan was effectively adopted.

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