



# Illinois State Association of Counties

## POSITION STATEMENT

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### **ADDITIONAL TIME TO REDRAW COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS**

**SUPPORT**

Counties are required by law to redraw county board districts every 10 years. To accomplish this, counties are dependent on timely data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The COVID-19 pandemic has created delays in the availability of this essential data for the 2020 Census.

#### **Current Law:**

Current law requires that counties redraw county board districts by July 1, 2021, to adopt a reapportionment map. As a consequence of COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau did not meet its statutory deadline of December 31, 2020, to deliver population counts used for apportionment to the President and will also not meet its April 1, 2021, deadline for sending redistricting counts to the states. County board districts cannot be redrawn without this data.

#### **Proposed Change:**

The General Assembly and Governor should amend the law to extend the deadline by which county boards must redraw districts for the 2020 census in accordance with the revised census timelines.

**COUNTIES NEED ADDITIONAL TIME TO DRAW COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS  
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DEADLINES MISSED BY THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT.**