

## STATUTORY AMENDMENT DISCUSSIONS

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	<b>Suggestion:</b>	<b>Initial Thoughts for Inclusion</b>	<b>Discussion/Options:</b>
	<b>Consortium Letter 1-17-12</b>		
I.	Start earlier	Include	Consortium suggested 4.5 months earlier (Aug. 16). Another suggestion per C. Forbes: start July 1 to correspond with the start of the state fiscal year
II.	BSA to do "robust" outreach for applicants	Do not include	BSA's role is not to outreach (not their strength and it's expensive). Alternatives include linking with the Census outreach activities as well as the previous Commissioner's being utilized to do outreach.
III.	Increased outreach and education by the Commission during redistricting	Do not include	Policy recommendation to the next Commission encouraging increased outreach and education during the process. (Note: may need to be taken into consideration in the budget request.)
IV.	Eliminate the transfer from BSA to SOS during the transition to full Commission	Include	There was agreement that continuing with BSA would save time and money as well as ensure consistency from applicants to full Commission. In addition, many systems will already be in place within the state to help the new Commission in their operations.
V.	Increase the Commission's busget	Include	Suggestion of 4 areas to consider within the budget: (1) creation, (2) drawing, (3) litigation, (4) ongoing operations. (See all discussions for areas of increase.)
VI.	Strengthen the hiring process	Do not include	Policy recommendation to the next Commission. Suggestions included providing demographic information about the candidates, number of applicants, those removed due to conflict of interest, etc.  Also noted (C. Raya and C. Forbes) that the next Commission should emphasize that staff works for the Commission and the Commission works for the public.
VII.	User friendly and transparent	Do not include	Policy recommendation for the next Commission - an important aspect to continue in this process.

VIII.	Draft maps and timing of noticing	Interest to include  (but elements need to be discussed further)	If Aug. 15 is the deadline then: (1) select a date to release a "best intention" map - suggestions were either 21-days (July 23) or 30 days (July 15); (2) next, require a 14-day review period after the release of the "best intention" map; (3) after the 14-day review period change the review to 7 days; (4) finally, have a 3-day review period for the "no change" final map.
IX.	Do not exclude cultural and ethnic diversity in applicant process, review and selection of final 6	Do not include	There was agreement with this recommendation in its principle but that it is not needed in a statutory amendment.
X.	Dependent care reimbursement	Undecided (?)  (but inclined not to include)	Recognition that this is a barrier to applicants applying and will therefore reduce a certain segment of the public from applying. Suggestions to address this issue include a "flex" or FSA account for future Commissioners as well as encouraging the next Commission to consider non-traditional options for those needing dependent care.
<b>Future Items for Discussion:</b>			
1)	Mr. Robert Neff - letter of Jan. 18, 2012		
2)	Mr. David Salavery - presentation on Feb. 1, 2012		
3)	Mr. James C. Wright - presentation on Feb. 1, 2012 (and revised letter)		
4)	Commission's Advisory Committee Recommendations		