

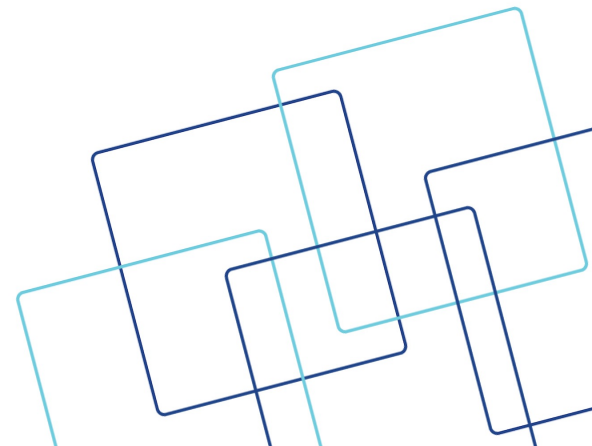


The California Voting Rights Act

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Butte-Glenn Community College District

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Current District Elections



Seven Board Members

- Board members (trustees) must live in specified trustee area
 - Two trustee areas in Glenn County
 - Five trustee areas in Butte County
- All voters within the District vote for trustees at large
- Trustee areas and election method established 1976

History of District Elections

Pre-1975

- Majority of Glenn County was not in a community college district
- State law required all areas of the state to become part of a community college district by 1976, or the Board of Governors will make the determination



Annexation to Butte Community College District

- Public hearings held on annexation
- Glenn County Board of Education voted in favor of annexation to the Butte Community College District
- March 1975 – Voters of Glenn County approved annexation to the Butte Community College District

1976 Changes to District Elections

- June 1976 – Voters of Glenn County and Butte County approve new election method for Butte-Glenn Community College District
 - Addition of two trustee areas in Glenn County, for total of seven trustee areas
 - Election by voters at-large within the District





Board composition and method of elections
has remained the same since 1976

The California Voting Rights Act

**Substance: Ensure Fair Representation,
Prevent Racially Polarized Voting**

**Process: Transition to Trustee Area-Based
Method of Elections**

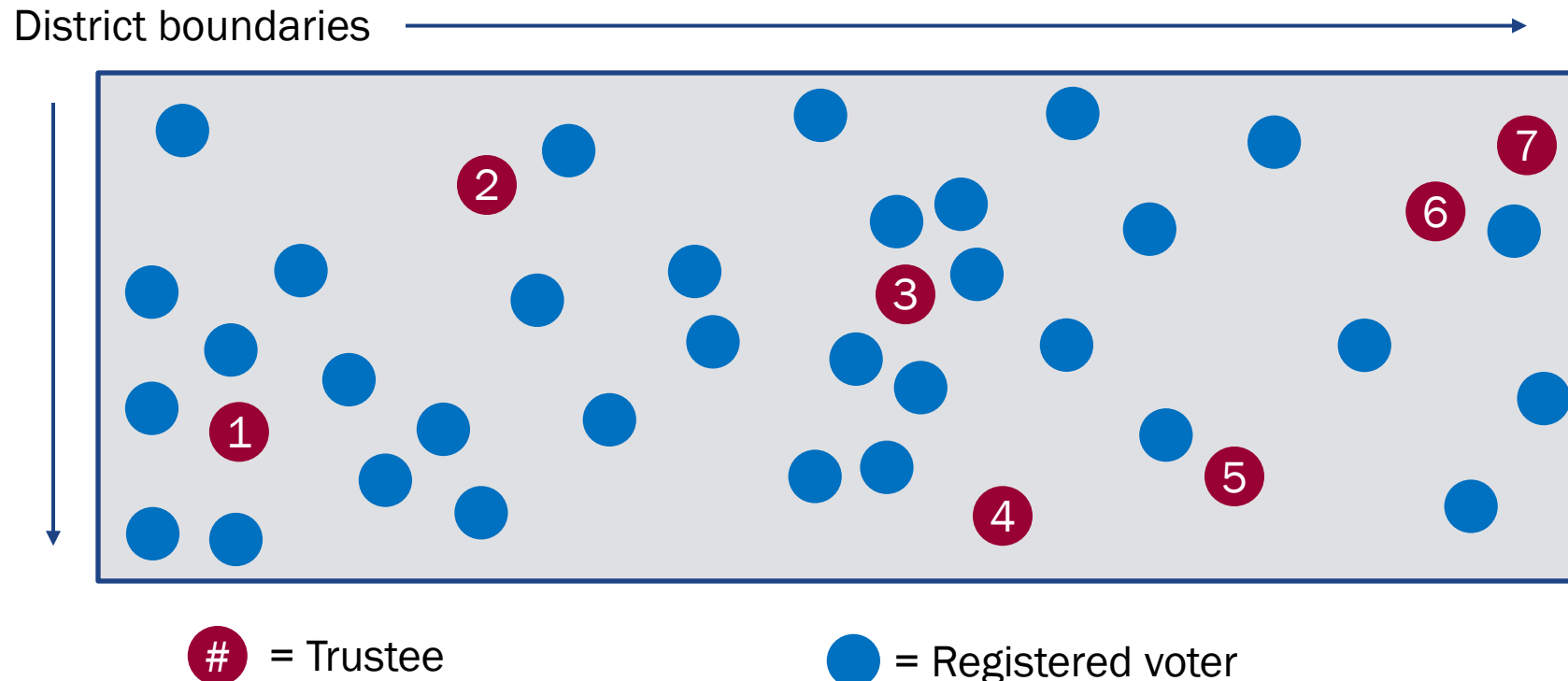


The California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”)

- Purpose: Ensure equal access to fair representation, and prevent racially polarized voting
- Prohibits the use of “at-large” elections that impair the ability of a protected class to:
 - Elect candidates of its choice; or
 - Influence the outcome of an election
- Trustee area elections are favored under the CVRA

Pure At-Large Method of Election

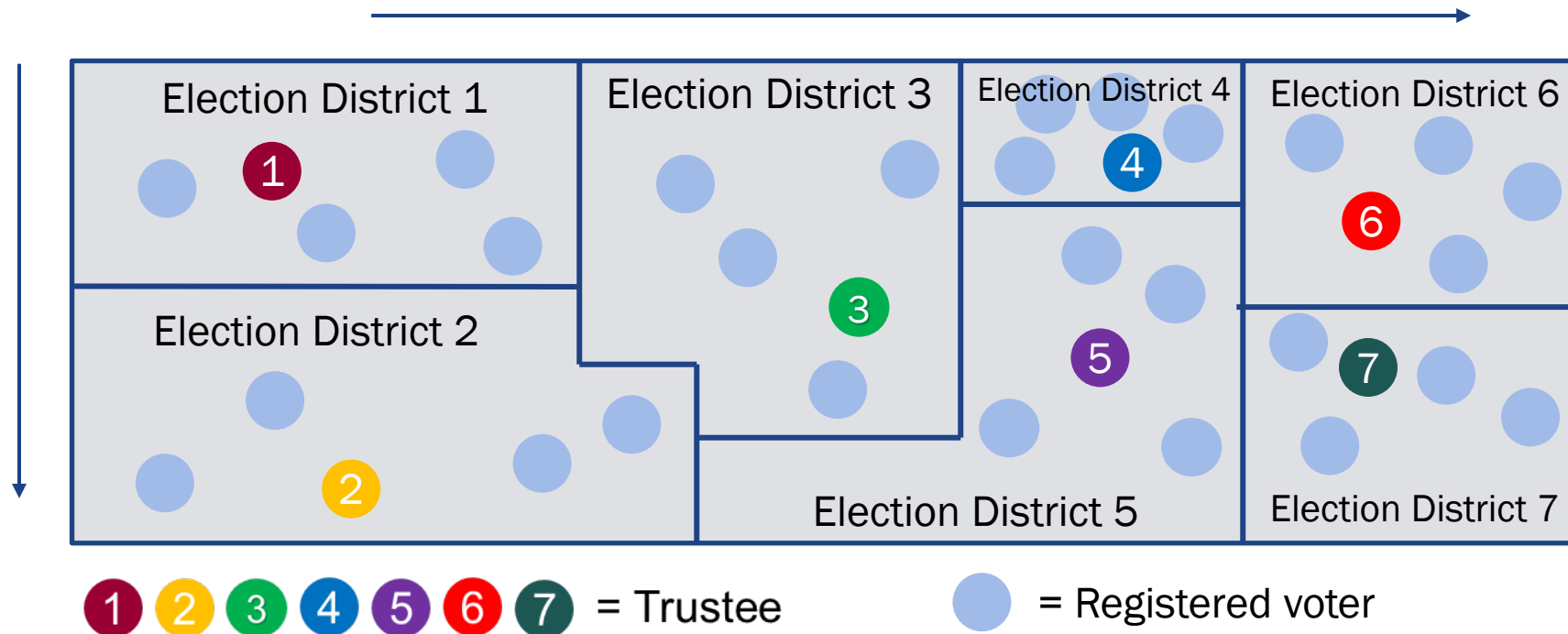
- Board members may reside anywhere in the District
- All voters within the District elect all seats on the Board



At-Large/Hybrid Butte-Glenn CCD Model

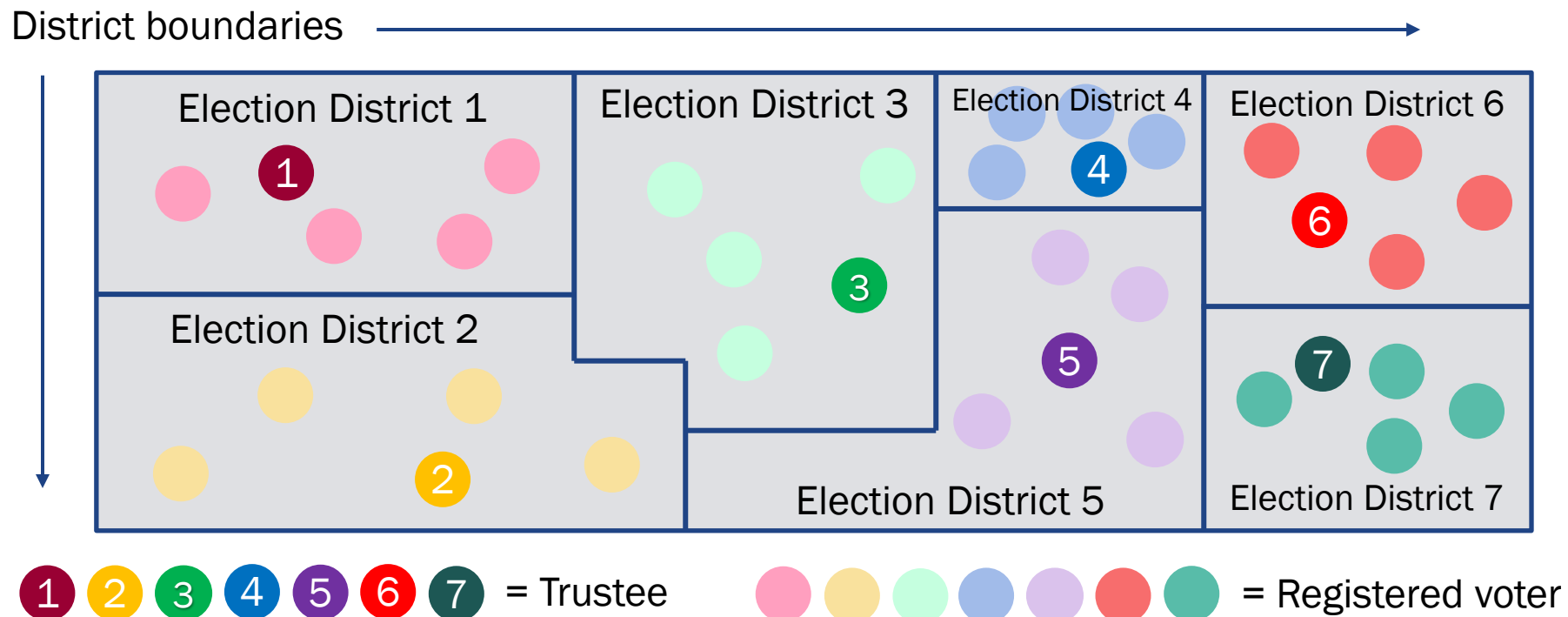
- Trustees reside within an election district
- All voters elect all trustees: Form of at-large voting

District boundaries



By-Trustee Area Method of Election

- Trustees must reside within specified election districts
- Voters only vote for the trustee in their area
- Only method that can protect against liability



2020 Census Data

- Legal standard: trustee areas with “substantially equal population in each district as enumerated in the most recent decennial federal census”
- 2020 Census
- Release of 2020 Census Data – Delayed
 - Now anticipated September 2021

Process to Establish By-Trustee Area Elections

Step 1: Adopt Intent Resolution

- District Board adopts intent resolution
- District initiates transition procedures, hires demographer

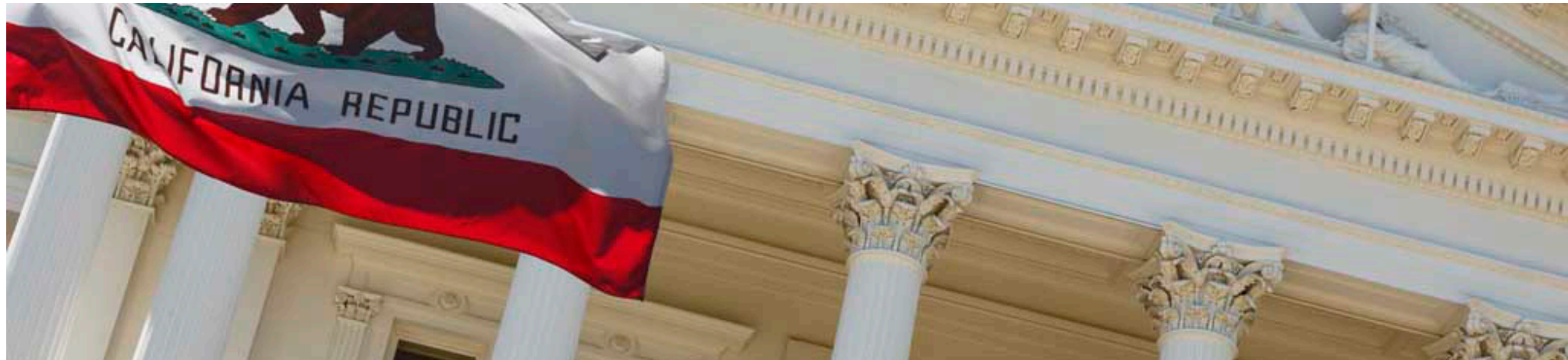


Step 2: District Map Development

“Pre-Map” Hearings: Two public hearings prior to preparing proposed by-trustee area maps

“Map Consideration” Hearings: Two public hearings to consider proposed by-trustee area maps

“Map Adoption” Hearing: Public hearing before adopting final by-trustee area map



Step 3: Adopt By-Trustee Area Voting and Final Map

- Board approves resolution to adopt by-trustee area elections
- Board adopts a particular map



Step 4: Obtain Approval of the Board of Governors

- Board of Governors votes to either approve or deny the proposed transition
- Board of Governors approval provides streamlined process to avoid costs of conducting election to approve the transition

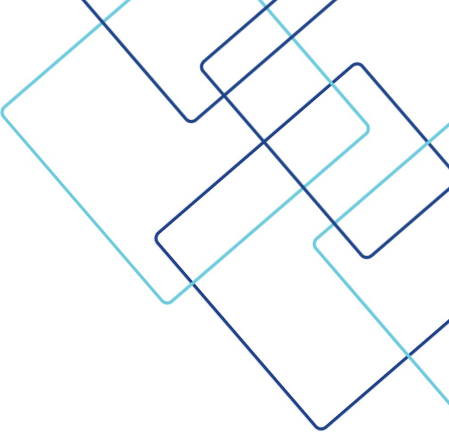
Proposed Timeline

- April 14, 2021: Adopt Resolution of Intent
- May 19, 2021 (Proposed): Pre-Map Hearing #1
- June 2021 (Proposed): Pre-Map Hearing #2
- TBD: Release of 2020 Census Data
- Following Release of Census Data: Map Hearings, #1 and #2
- Following Map Hearings: Final Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Map
- Following Adoption of Final Map: Board of Governors' Review

Other Considerations

- District boundaries do not change
- Terms of current board members do not change
- All incumbent board members complete their terms
- By-trustee area maps must be adjusted after each federal census (every 10 years)





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