

# House Bill 2944

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH

## SUMMARY

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Requires Legislative Assembly or Secretary of State to hold public hearings throughout state prior to adopting congressional or legislative reapportionment plan.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reapportionment.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 188.010 to**  
5 **188.295.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) When apportioning the state into congressional or legislative districts,**  
7 **the Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall:**

8 **(a) Hold at least 15 public hearings at locations throughout this state prior to proposing**  
9 **a reapportionment plan; and**

10 **(b) Hold at least five public hearings at locations throughout this state after a reappor-**  
11 **tionment plan is proposed, but before the plan is adopted.**

12 **(2) In holding the hearings required under subsection (1) of this section, the Legislative**  
13 **Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, must:**

14 **(a) Provide appropriate public notice of the time and location of each hearing;**

15 **(b) Hold no more than one hearing required under subsection (1)(a) of this section in any**  
16 **single legislative Senate district and ensure, to the extent practicable, that all hearings re-**  
17 **quired under subsection (1)(a) of this section are distributed equally throughout this state;**

18 **(c) Hold no more than one hearing required under subsection (1)(b) of this section in any**  
19 **single legislative Senate district and ensure, to the extent practicable, that all hearings re-**  
20 **quired under subsection (1)(b) of this section are held in the greatest population density**  
21 **areas in this state; and**

22 **(d) Permit and make provision for individuals at remote sites throughout this state to**  
23 **provide public testimony at the hearings through the use of video equipment.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.