Request for Non-Substantive Change to 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program
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Purpose

The Redistricting Data Program is a mandated operation of the decennial census. This operation provides states with the opportunity to delineate voting and state legislative districts and to suggest census block boundaries for use in the 2020 Census redistricting data tabulations (Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data File). The program consists of multiple stages of interaction and review and begins early in the decennial census process.

Background

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program information collection on 11/25/2015. The program is broken into five phases: Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP); Voting District Project (VTDP); Delivery of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data; Collection of Post-Census Redistricting Data Plans; and Review of the 2020 Census RDP.

During Phase one, BBSP, states that have participated in this voluntary program have suggested census block boundaries. Phase two, VTDP, will start in December 2017. Participants will delineate voting districts.

This Non-Substantive Change is a request to submit two procedural guides for the Census Bureau's Voting District Project as part of Phase two of the Redistricting Data Program:

1.   Voting District Project GUPS User's Guide.
2.   Voting District Project Participant Guide.

These two guides are similar to the Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP) Verification GUPS User's Guide and the Block Boundary Suggestion Project Participant Guide submitted in March 2017. However, procedures for flagging edges in the BBSP are replaced with procedures for delineating voting districts.

There is no substantive change to the program resulting from this change. The finalized instructions do not change the content or objective of the program, but there is a change to the instructions themselves.

Burden

The burden of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program is unchanged by this update.

Attachments

Attachment A: Voting District Project GUPS User's Guide

Attachment B: Voting District Project Participant Guide