

BILLINGS COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Billings County Redistricting Board will hold a public hearing to present and receive public comment on the proposed plan to redraw County Commission districts following the County's transition from three (3) to five (5) commissioners. Members of the public may also submit alternative district plans for consideration.

Billings County Courthouse, Commission Room, Medora
August 17th, 2026 — 7:00 PM

What will be presented: The Board will present a draft commissioner district map and accompanying population data showing proposed boundaries for five commissioner districts. The presentation will explain how the proposed plan meets statutory criteria, including population equality, contiguity, compactness, and precinct implications.

Background: Redistricting follows the federal decennial census and North Dakota Century Code Chapter 11 07. Billings County's 2020 Census population is 945. Transitioning from three to five commissioners results in an ideal district population of approximately 189 residents per commissioner ($945 \div 5$).

Current district populations (Census 2020) are:

- District 1 — 325
- District 2 — 321
- District 3 — 299

Items the Board will consider:

- Population equality
- Township and section lines to preserve contiguity
- Compactness and regularity of district shape
- Current and planned development and subdivisions
- Effects on voting precincts and election administration

How to comment:

- In person: Public comment will be taken at the hearing (time limits may apply).
 - By email: Written comments accepted through August 29, 2026 at mdkessel@nd.gov or to Billings County Auditor's office, PO Box 168, Medora, ND 58645.
 - By phone or to request materials: Contact the Billings County Auditor's Office at 701 623 4277 or mdkessel@nd.gov to request maps or population tables.
- Contact: Billings County Auditor Marcia Kessel Phone: 701 623 4277 Email: mdkessel@nd.gov

PROPOSED MAP



