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AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2021
TO: Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Del Norte County Counsel's Office *ael*
SUBJECT: Redistricting Commissions

RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMISSION ACTION:

Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding establishment of a redistricting commission.

SUMMARY:

The California Elections Code Sections 23000-23004 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish advisory, hybrid, or independent redistricting commissions to hold public hearings and assist in the redistricting process.

With an advisory redistricting commission, the commission makes recommendations regarding placement of district boundaries to the Board of Supervisors, but ultimately the Board retains all decision-making authority. The rules for appointing an advisory redistricting commission are relatively simple, and would involve an application process after which the Board directly appoints members to the advisory commission.

A hybrid redistricting commission recommends two or more maps to the Board, and the Board must adopt one of the hybrid redistricting commission's recommended maps without revision. An independent redistricting commission is completely empowered to adopt the district boundaries, and the Board has no decision-making authority once it creates an independent commission. The rules regarding appointment to hybrid and independent commissions are strict, and aside from authorizing a hybrid or independent commission, the Board would not be involved in the appointment of either of these types of commissions.

ALTERNATIVE: Do not establish a redistricting commission.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: N/A