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You need to know

- The Iowa Legislature has passed the redistricting maps by approving [SF 621](#). These maps will be effective for the 2022 election.
- Cities will have 60 days to draw precincts and wards and submit these plans to the Secretary of State's office.
- Also passed during the legislative session was a policy protecting an individual who refuses an employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccine.

[SF 621](#) | Redistricting Maps

- Provides new congressional and state legislative boundaries effective for the 2022 election.
- Once signed by the Governor, the 60-day timer for cities to draw precincts and wards will start. More information can be found on the [League's U.S. Census redistricting webpage](#), including [city instructions](#) and a [city reprecincting worksheet](#).

[HF 902](#) | Vaccine Exemption Waiver

- Establishes exemptions in state law for employees and applicants from employer COVID-19 vaccination requirement policies. Requires an employer to waive such policies if the employee or applicant states a health concern or religious belief. Provides for unemployment for employees who are fired for refusing to follow such policies.

[Broadband Funding Opportunity](#)

- Governor Reynolds has allocated an additional \$200 million of American Cares Act Dollars towards the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Funding.
- Information, grant application, and other resources are available on the [OCIO's website](#).
- In the last round of broadband funding, three municipal broadband programs were selected, totaling more than \$5 million of investment in broadband. If your city is looking at expanding broadband, we encourage you to apply. The application deadline is November 22.



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