

## **PROCESS FOR MAP PLANS**

There is a **five-step** process for the consideration of map plans:

1. **Map Plan Submittal**

Between January 1, 2006 to July 1, 2006, the Boundary Commission will begin accepting map plans. The Commission may request additional information from the proposing agent.

2. **Public Comment and Hearings**

From August 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, and each sixth year thereafter, the Commission will solicit written comments on all map plans and will hold informational public hearings in or near affected areas.

3. **Commission Comment**

By April 1, 2007, the Commission may issue written comments regarding each proposed map plan. The comments are designed to notify the proponents and opponents of any proposed map plan of the Commission's view of the merits or demerits of the map plan based upon public policy considerations.

4. **Amendments**

Not later than April 15, 2007, the submitting party may amend its Map Plan based on the public hearings or other comment. However, no such amendment can enlarge the area originally submitted, except for minor technical amendments necessary to address boundary issues.

5. **Binding Effect of Map Plan**

The map plan as submitted or as amended by April 15, 2007 will remain on file with the Commission, and will be the limit of permissible boundary changes and established unincorporated area proposals until a new five-year planning cycle begins.