# Introduction to Redistricting for Journalists: Language, Law, and Process

# Session One

## The Legal Foundation

* Constitutional requirements federally, but local governments also redistrict
* One person – One vote – Baker v. Carr and Reynolds v. Sims
* The 1965 Voting Rights Act and its Impact (in broad terms)

## The Census

* Who is counted? All persons? Citizens? Total population, VAP, BVAP, etc.
* How and when are the data delivered to states?
* Census blocks, basic units

## Process

* Census data
* Legislative adoption of criteria in both houses
* The map room and who is there—and who isn’t
* Public input—maps and commentary

## Criteria

* Legally required criteria
* Common but not essential
* SC’s criteria in Senate and House in past
* League’s recommended criteria

# Session Two

* South Carolina Today: the 2011 Lines and why they are there
* Alternative lines without incumbents
* How competitive are they?
* 2019 population projections and what they can mean