

**42.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context requires otherwise:

1. “*Chief election officer*” means the state commissioner of elections as defined by [section 47.1](#).
2. “*Commission*” means the temporary redistricting advisory commission established pursuant to [this chapter](#).
3. “*Federal census*” means the decennial census required by federal law to be conducted by the United States bureau of the census in every year ending in zero.
4. “*Four selecting authorities*” means:
  - a. The majority floor leader of the state senate.
  - b. The minority floor leader of the state senate.
  - c. The majority floor leader of the state house of representatives.
  - d. The minority floor leader of the state house of representatives.
5. “*Partisan public office*” means:
  - a. An elective or appointive office in the executive or legislative branch or in an independent establishment of the federal government.
  - b. An elective office in the executive or legislative branch of the government of this state, or an office which is filled by appointment and is exempt from the merit system under [section 8A.412](#).
  - c. An office of a county, city or other political subdivision of this state which is filled by an election process involving nomination and election of candidates on a partisan basis.
6. “*Plan*” means a plan for legislative and congressional reapportionment drawn up pursuant to the requirements of [this chapter](#).
7. “*Political party office*” means an elective office in the national or state organization of a political party, as defined by [section 43.2](#).
8. “*Relative*” means an individual who is related to the person in question as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother or half sister.

[C81, §42.1]

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §151](#)