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Website Upgrade Adds Do-It-Yourself Mapping Software

Public Can Participate in Online Training Sept. 20

PHOENIX (*Sept. 13, 2011*) – The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission has reorganized its website (<u>azredistricting.org</u>) and added the capability for members of the public to use free mapping software.

The free online-mapping capability, which enables members of the public to create their own redistricting scenarios, is found via the Maps tab on the left side of each page. Access is free, though each user must create a user name and password.

The site will host a free Webinar Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., and video from that session will be posted to the site afterward. For users who want to start sooner, the mapping portal includes a quick-start guide and short training videos.

In addition to adding the mapping capability, the commission made a few tweaks to the site in an effort to make it more user-friendly. More information is available on the home page, and the subject tabs on the left, along with their submenus, have been reorganized.

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