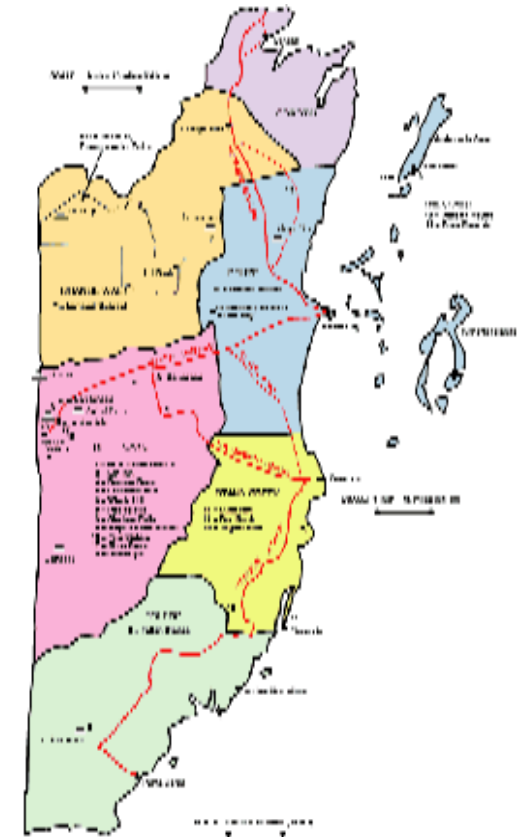


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1961	18	<p>Belize District: Freetown, Pickstock, Fort George, Albert, Collet, Mesopotamia, Belize Rural North & South</p> <p>Cayo District: Cayo North & South</p> <p>Corozal District: North & South</p> <p>Orange Walk District: North & South</p> <p>Toledo District: North & South</p> <p>Stann Creek District: Town & Rural</p>
1984	28	<p>Belize District: Caribbean Shores, Lake Independence, Queen Square, Port Loyola</p> <p>Cayo District: Cayo West, Cayo Central</p> <p>Corozal District: Corozal South West, Corozal East, Corozal Bay</p> <p>Stann Creek & Toledo Districts: Name change</p> <p>Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Central Orange Walk East</p>
1993	29	<p>a) Belize District: Belize Rural Central</p> <p>b) Boundary delimitation changes to: Port Loyola, Collet (2 of 1993)</p>

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1997	29	<p>Boundary delimitation changes to: Cayo Central and Cayo South (11 of 1997)</p>
1998	29	<p>Boundary delimitation changes to: Caribbean Shores, Freetown, Fort George, Pickstock, Belize Rural South, Belize Rural Central, Corozal North, Corozal Bay, Corozal South West, Orange Walk North, Orange Walk East, Orange Walk Central (16 of 1998, 13 of 1998)</p>
2002	29	<p>Boundary delimitation changes to: Stann Creek West and Toledo East -- Independence, Placencia, Seine Bight Villages and surrounding Communities of the Stann Creek District moved from Toledo East to Stann Creek West (11 of 2002)</p>

Source: "Who & What in Belizean Elections—1954 to 1993"; Myrtle Palacio, 1993

BOUNDARY REDISTRICTING



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What is Boundary Redistricting?

The term boundary re-districting or boundary de-limitation is used interchangeably and is defined as

- ★ To fix the limits of electoral boundaries
- ★ To alter electoral boundaries

What is the Legal Framework for Boundary Redistricting?

The legal framework is set out in Section 90 of the Belize Constitution

- ★ Section 90 (1) (a) states, “Each electoral division shall have as nearly as may be, an equal number of persons eligible to vote.”
- ★ Section 90 (1) (b) states that total number of electoral divisions should not be less than 28
- ★ Section 90 (2) states that in fixing boundaries, regard is to be given to transport, physical features, other facilities of the electoral division

Who decides on Boundary Redistricting?

- ★ The National Assembly makes the final decision
 - The Elections and Boundaries Commission makes proposals to the National Assembly
 - The National Assembly may accept all or part of the proposal submitted by the Elections and Boundaries Commission

Can there be less electoral divisions in the country?

In accordance with Section 90(1) b of the Constitution of Belize the total number of electoral divisions shall be not less than twenty-eight (28)

When will the new electoral boundaries come into effect?

Section 91 of the Belize Constitution states that any redistricting of electoral divisions effected in accordance with section 90 of the Belize Constitution shall in respect of the election of members of the House of Representatives ***come into operation at the next general election held after such re-division and not earlier.***

When will the public be made aware of the new electoral divisions?

After the redistricting becomes Law, the Chief Elections Officer is to:

- ★ Adjust the electoral registers of the electoral divisions affected
- ★ Compile new registers of electors if there are new electoral divisions
- ★ Within 30 days publish provisional registers

The Law (ROPA) provides for 10 days for electors to make corrections and objections to names in the Provisional Registers.

Constituency and Boundary Changes By Year of Change

Year of Change	No. of Seats/ Division	New Constituencies
1945	6	Northern, Cayo, Toledo, Stann Creek, Belize (2)
1954	9	Belize District: Belize North, Belize South, Belize West, Belize Rural Orange Walk, Corozal, Cayo, Stann Creek, Toledo