

Redistricting Special Session in Louisiana

Regardless of elevated Census numbers Committee members leverage voting “Performance” to justify lack of support for advancing opportunity for minority voters

Snapshot Analysis

The redrawing of political boundary lines for 150 districts were decided by 28 Representatives over the course of four weeks. Alternative maps were submitted by community stakeholders and advocacy groups to expand Majority-minority districts based on the decennial Census but to no avail. Those committee members who voted to not support expanding districts based on Census numbers largely opted to lean on voting performance by minorities in their current districts. Voting performance is *not* a part of Redistricting criteria.

	People	Politicians	
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.6m Residents (Census, '21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Officials - 144 • Congressional Officials - 6 • Local Officials Across 64 Parishes (Hundreds of Local Officials: Mayors, Council persons, Sheriffs, Judges, etc) 	Representatives/ Officials
Redistricting Advocacy/Process	<p><u>Civic Engagement Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-6 Community Based Groups • Groups of Concerned Residents/Professionals <p>Total: 300-1000 est</p>	<p><u>Government Committees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate (9) • House (19) <p>Total: 28</p>	Representatives/ Officials
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for a ‘Fair’ Redistricting process and ‘Expanding’ Majority-minority districts based on Census count 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decision to not add an additional Majority-minority Congressional district was made by the Majority of one party of Representatives who do not represent minority voters or who have decided those voters do not need varied representation. 	Representatives/ Officials
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor (Veto)/Redraw/or Maps Become Law 	Courts/Governor