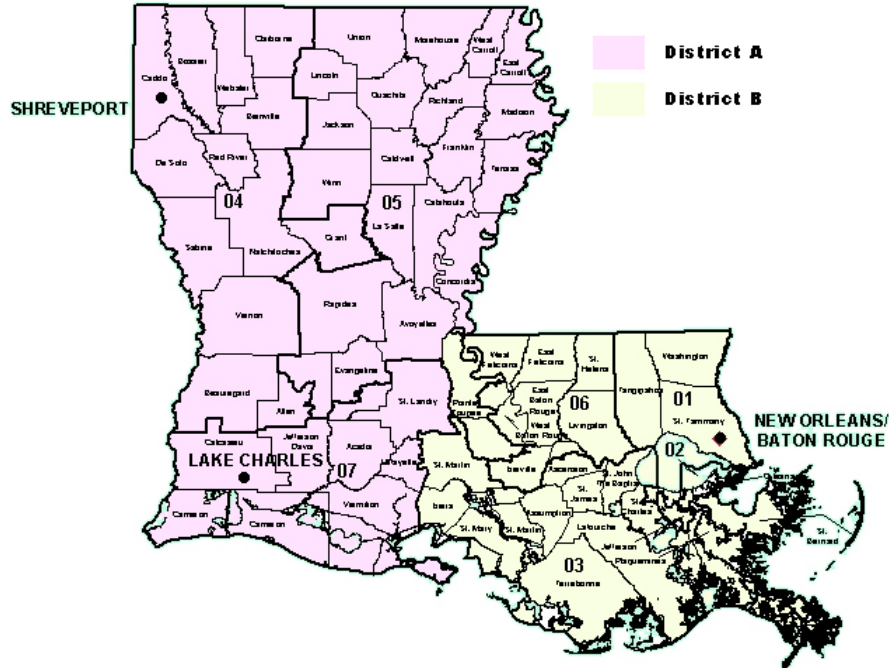# Louisiana

Racial Representation

Of Louisiana's voting population of 1,750,550, 31.5% are black and 2.4% are Latino. Under the current seven-district system, black voters make up the majority of voters in Louisiana's Second District. LA-2's current representative is black. Under the proposed super districting plan, in each district black voters are well-positioned to elect one candidate of choice and black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other minority and white voters, elect a second candidate of choice.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, George W. Bush won Louisiana with 53% of the vote over Al Gore's 45%. The state's overall Democratic partisanship is 46.5%. Despite making up nearly half of Louisiana's voting population, however, Democrats can carry the vote in only one current congressional district. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect three Democrats, three Republicans, and one representative who could come from either party.

SUPER DISTRICT A - THREE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote								% Black	% Latino
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total		Origin	Origin
Louisiana	4	129908	(54.7%)	102228	(43.0%)	5466	(2.3%)	237602		33.3%	2.0%
Louisiana	5	143628	(57.1%)	100287	(39.9%)	7706	(3.1%)	251621		33.7%	1.3%
Louisiana	7	141378	(55.2%)	107190	(41.9%)	7357	(2.9%)	255925		24.8%	1.4%
Total		**414914**	**(73.1%)**	**309705**	**(54.5%)**	**20529**	**(3.6%)**	**567836**		**40.0%**	**2.0%**

Winning Percentage:	25%
Voting Rights Analysis:	Black candidates are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other minority and white voters, elect a second candidate of choice.
District Partisanship:	56.1% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and one

Republican with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - FOUR SEATS

State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
				2000 Presidential Vote					**% Black**	**% Latino**
State	**CD**	**Bush**	**(%)**	**Gore**	**(%)**	**Other**	**(%)**	**Total**	**Origin**	**Origin**
Louisiana	1	179196	(66.5%)	83779	(31.1%)	6650	(2.5%)	269625	12.8%	4.7%
Louisiana	2	48726	(22.3%)	165587	(75.7%)	4457	(2.0%)	218770	63.7%	3.8%
Louisiana	3	133749	(52.0%)	115734	(45.0%)	7967	(3.1%)	257450	24.6%	2.1%
Louisiana	6	142239	(54.8%)	111602	(43.0%)	5716	(2.2%)	259557	33.2%	1.6%
Total		**503910**	**(65.3%)**	**476702**	**(61.8%)**	**24790**	**(3.2%)**	**1005402**	**32.2%**	**3.0%**

Winning Percentage: 20%

Voting Rights Analysis: Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other minority and white voters, elect a second candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 49.0%   This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans.

This proposal is based on the current congressional districts of Louisiana. Because current congressional districts are often the results of gerrymandering, the proposed super district boundaries are not as smooth and nice-looking as they could be in a similar proposal that made use of sub-congressional district data.