

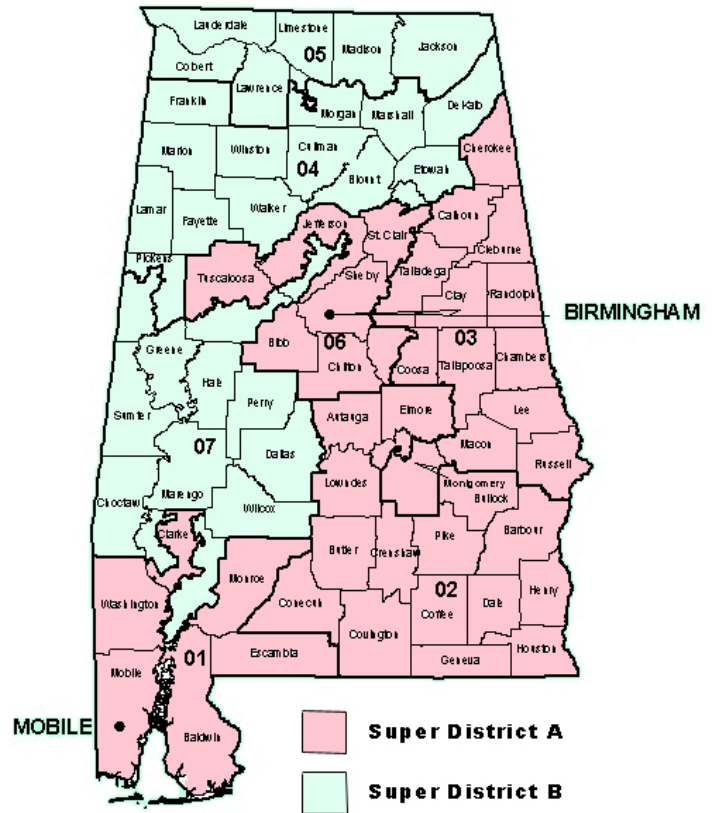
Alabama

Racial Representation

Of Alabama's voting population of 1,660,050, roughly 25.4% are black and 1.7% are Latino. Under Alabama's current system of seven individual Congressional districts, black voters, who make up a quarter of Alabama's population, make up the majority of the population only in District 7, which was gerrymandered so blacks make up 61.7%. This district currently has a black representative. Under the proposed super districting plan, black voters are well-positioned to elect one of the four seats in District A and one of the three seats in District B.

Political Analysis

George W. Bush won Alabama with 56% of the vote in 2000 over Al Gore's 42%. The state's overall Democratic partisanship is 43.3%. Under the current seven-district system, only one district can be considered Democratic. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect two Democrats, three Republicans, and two representatives who could come from either party, a much better representation of the actual political breakdown of Alabama voters.



SUPER DISTRICT A - FOUR SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)			
Alabama	1	138938	(60.4%)	86142	(37.5%)	4798	(2.1%)	229878	28.0%	1.3%
Alabama	2	137168	(61.1%)	84435	(37.6%)	3061	(1.4%)	224664	29.4%	1.5%
Alabama	3	112320	(51.6%)	101431	(46.6%)	3769	(1.7%)	217520	32.2%	1.2%
Alabama	6	200818	(73.6%)	67975	(24.9%)	3997	(1.5%)	272790	7.7%	1.6%
Total		589244	(62.4%)	339983	(36.0%)	15625	(1.7%)	944852	23.4%	1.4%

Winning Percentage: 20%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

37.6% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and two Republicans with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)			
Alabama	4	141285	(60.7%)	87062	(37.4%)	4240	(1.8%)	232587	5.1%	3.0%
Alabama	5	131608	(54.0%)	106685	(43.8%)	5241	(2.2%)	243534	16.9%	2.0%
Alabama	7	78670	(32.9%)	158580	(66.3%)	1827	(0.8%)	239077	61.7%	1.3%
Total		351563	(49.2%)	352327	(49.3%)	11308	(1.6%)	715198	28.0%	2.1%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Anal:

Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

50.9% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and one Republican with one swing seat.

This proposal is based on the current congressional districts of Alabama. 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.