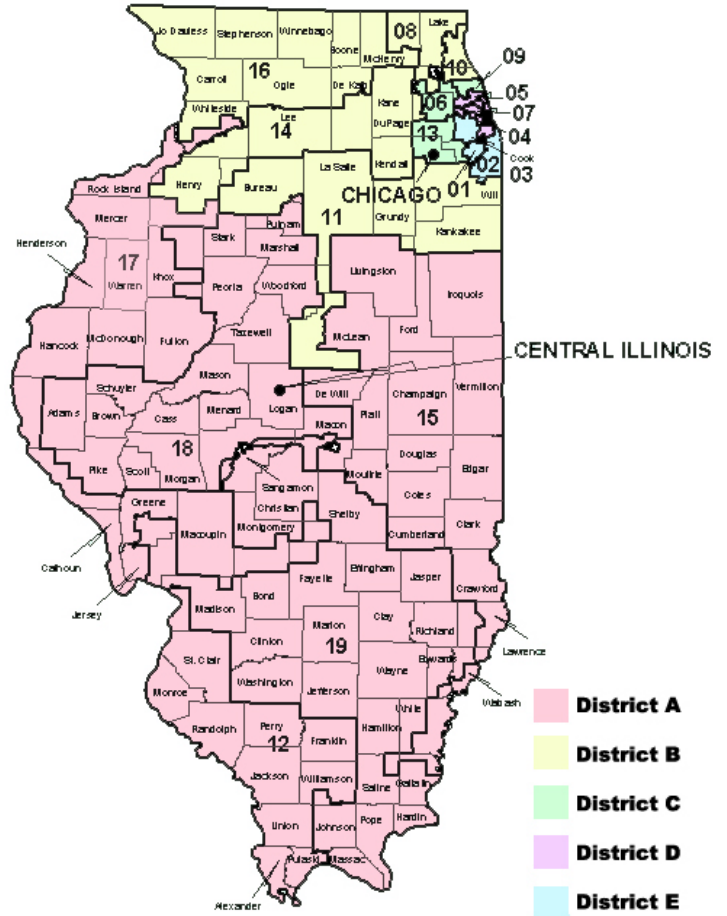


Illinois

Racial Representation

Of the voting population of 4,708,520, 15.1% are black and 10.1% are Latino. Under the current 19-district system, black voters make up the majority in three districts but Latino voters do not make up the majority in any. There are currently three black and one Latino representatives. Under the proposed super districting plan, black voters are well-positioned to elect two candidates of choice. Black voters in coalition with Latino and white voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District E, and could elect a candidate in Super District E. Latino voters in coalition with white and other minority voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Latino voters with crossover support are well-positioned to elect two candidates of choice. Racial minority voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white voters, elect a candidate of choice in Super District C.



Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, Al Gore won Illinois with 55% of the vote over George W. Bush's 43%. The state's overall Democratic partisanship is 56.5%. Under the current 19-district system, nine districts can be considered Democratic, eight districts can be considered Republican, and two districts can be considered competitive. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect nine Democrats, five Republicans, and five representatives who could come from either party.

SUPER DISTRICT A - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote							% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total		
Illinois	12	116724	(43.4%)	144548	(53.8%)	7634	(2.8%)	268906	16.3%	1.8%
Illinois	15	148176	(54.0%)	116436	(42.5%)	9616	(3.5%)	274228	5.7%	2.2%
Illinois	17	119563	(43.6%)	146548	(53.5%)	7807	(2.9%)	273918	7.2%	3.7%
Illinois	18	159475	(54.0%)	128411	(43.5%)	7464	(2.5%)	295350	6.4%	1.5%

Illinois	19	164541 (56.1%)	121210 (41.3%)	7621 (2.6%)	293372	3.5%	1.1%
Total		708479 (50.4%)	657153 (46.7%)	40142 (2.9%)	1405774	7.7%	2.0%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

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

District Partisanship: 48.3% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush (%)	Gore (%)	Other (%)	Origin	Origin				
Illinois	8	131967 (55.5%)	98664 (41.5%)	6954 (2.9%)	237585	3.2%	10.8%			
Illinois	10	123982 (46.9%)	134149 (50.8%)	6097 (2.3%)	264288	5.3%	12.3%			
Illinois	11	128280 (49.6%)	122979 (47.6%)	7269 (2.8%)	258528	7.8%	6.7%			
Illinois	14	129745 (54.4%)	101369 (42.5%)	7428 (3.1%)	238542	4.6%	18.5%			
Illinois	16	141878 (53.9%)	113020 (43.0%)	8163 (3.1%)	263061	5.3%	6.5%			
Total		655852 (52.0%)	570181 (45.2%)	35911 (2.8%)	1261944	5.3%	10.8%			

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis: Latino voters in coalition with white and other minority voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 46.8% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT C - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush (%)	Gore (%)	Other (%)	Origin	Origin				
Illinois	6	126254 (53.3%)	103616 (43.8%)	6945 (2.9%)	236815	2.7%	12.5%			
Illinois	9	71064 (30.8%)	155529 (67.4%)	4331 (1.9%)	230924	10.7%	11.5%			
Illinois	13	148621 (55.2%)	113450 (42.1%)	7166 (2.7%)	269237	4.9%	5.5%			
Total		345939 (46.9%)	372595 (50.6%)	18442 (2.5%)	736976	6.0%	9.6%			

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis: Minority voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 52.2% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and one

Republican with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT D - THREE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
Illinois	4	23809	(20.3%)	93266	(79.7%)	-	-	117075	3.7%	74.5%
Illinois	5	73793	(34.0%)	143106	(66.0%)	-	-	216899	2.2%	23.0%
Illinois	7	38196	(16.0%)	199064	(83.2%)	1985	(0.8%)	239245	61.6%	5.8%
Total		135798	(23.7%)	435436	(76.0%)	1985	(0.3%)	573219	27.3%	26.3%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Even though Latino voters are above the victory threshold, Latino voters would likely need crossover support to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

77.6% This super district would likely elect two Democrats with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT E - THREE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote						% Black	% Latino	
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
Illinois	1	39400	(15.5%)	213244	(83.7%)	2097	(0.8%)	254741	65.2%	4.8%
Illinois	2	41005	(16.5%)	204372	(82.5%)	2455	(1.0%)	247832	62.0%	10.4%
Illinois	3	91471	(40.1%)	131650	(57.7%)	4913	(2.2%)	228034	5.8%	21.3%
Total		171876	(23.5%)	549266	(75.2%)	9465	(1.3%)	730607	45.6%	11.8%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Black voters in coalition with Latino and white voters are well-positioned to elect a second candidate of choice.

District Partisanship:

76.8% This super district would likely elect two Democrats with one swing seat.

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