

Kentucky



Racial Representation

Of Kentucky's voting population of 1,527,002, 7.6% are black and 1.5% are Latino. Under the current six-district system, no racial minority makes up the majority of any of the six congressional districts and there are no black or Latino representatives. Under the proposed super districting plan, black voters in Super District A supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other minority and white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, George W. Bush won Kentucky with 57% of the vote, over the 41% acquired by Al Gore. Kentucky's Democratic partisanship is 43.0%. However, despite making up two-fifths of Kentucky's voting population, Democrats cannot carry the vote in any district. In fact, only one of Kentucky's six districts can even be considered competitive. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect two Democrats, two Republicans, and two candidates who could come from either party.

SUPER DISTRICT A - THREE SEATS

State	CD	Bush	2000 Presidential Vote					Total	% Black	% Latino
			(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Kentucky	1	147486	(58.3%)	101551	(40.1%)	3961	(1.6%)	252998	7.2%	1.5%
Kentucky	2	152236	(61.7%)	90086	(36.5%)	4288	(1.7%)	246610	5.7%	1.7%
Kentucky	3	134234	(47.7%)	141337	(50.3%)	5628	(2.0%)	281199	19.1%	1.8%
Total		433956	(55.6%)	332974	(42.6%)	13877	(1.8%)	780807	11.0%	1.7%

Winning Percentage:

25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

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

District Partisanship:

44.2% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and one Republican with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Kentucky	4	152856	(60.7%)	92768	(36.9%)	6060	(2.4%)	251684	2.2%	1.1%
Kentucky	5	131494	(56.7%)	97104	(41.9%)	3423	(1.5%)	232021	1.1%	0.7%
Kentucky	6	145606	(55.5%)	109602	(41.8%)	7282	(2.8%)	262490	8.2%	2.1%
Total		429956	(57.6%)	299474	(40.1%)	16765	(2.2%)	746195	4.0%	1.3%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis: No racial minority could control their representation.

District Partisanship: 41.7% 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 Kentucky. 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.