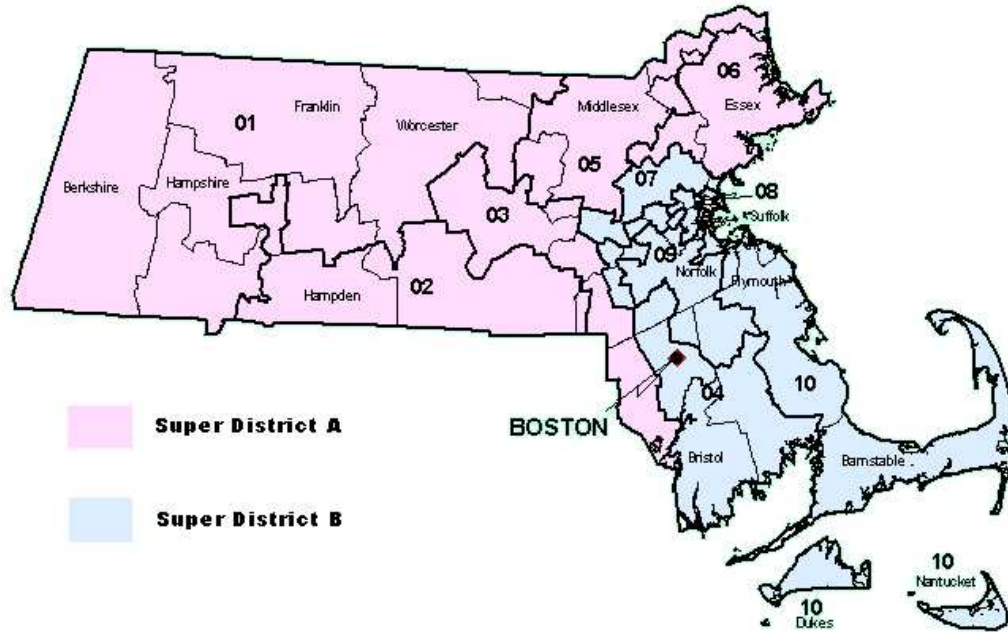


Massachusetts



Racial Representation

Of Massachusetts' total voting population of 2,703,280, 4.5% are black and 6.3% are Latino. Under the current ten-district system, no racial minority makes up the majority in any district and there are no black or Latino representatives. Under the proposed super districting plan, racial minority voters in each super district supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, Al Gore won Massachusetts with 60% of the vote over George W. Bush's 33%. The overall Democratic partisanship of Massachusetts is 61.4%. However, despite making up nearly two-fifths of the voting population, Republican voters cannot carry the vote in any of the ten districts. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect six Democrats and four Republicans, resulting in a more accurate representation of Massachusetts' voting population.

SUPER DISTRICT A - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Massachusetts	1	88690	(33.2%)	150418	(56.4%)	27700	(10.4%)	266808	1.6%	6.3%
Massachusetts	2	89775	(34.6%)	150148	(57.9%)	19588	(7.5%)	259511	5.5%	9.2%
Massachusetts	3	90375	(34.6%)	153044	(58.6%)	17711	(6.8%)	261130	2.6%	6.0%
Massachusetts	5	93406	(36.3%)	145277	(56.5%)	18433	(7.2%)	257116	1.7%	11.6%
Massachusetts	6	107415	(35.7%)	172840	(57.4%)	20760	(6.9%)	301015	1.9%	4.4%
Total		469661	(34.9%)	771727	(57.4%)	104192	(7.7%)	1345580	2.6%	7.4%

Winning Percentage:

16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis:

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

District Partisanship: 59.0% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and two Republicans.

SUPER DISTRICT B - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Massachusetts	4	79201	(28.7%)	178354	(64.7%)	18067	(6.6%)	275622	2.0%	3.3%
Massachusetts	7	82250	(28.9%)	181417	(63.8%)	20891	(7.3%)	284558	3.3%	4.8%
Massachusetts	8	28903	(14.8%)	142500	(73.2%)	23374	(12.0%)	194777	21.9%	15.9%
Massachusetts	9	93529	(33.4%)	167059	(59.7%)	19051	(6.8%)	279639	8.1%	4.6%
Massachusetts	10	124956	(38.7%)	175426	(54.3%)	22722	(7.0%)	323104	1.5%	1.3%
Total		408839	(30.1%)	844756	(62.2%)	104105	(7.7%)	1357700	6.3%	5.2%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

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

District Partisanship: 63.8% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and two Republicans.

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