

Tennessee



Racial Representation

Of the voting population of 2,073,524, 16.4% are black and 2.2% are Latino. Under the current nine-district system, black voters make up the majority in one district. Under the proposed super districting system, black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District C. In Super District B black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could elect a candidate of choice in coalition with other minority and white voters.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, George W. Bush won Tennessee with 51% of the vote over Al Gore's 47%. The state's Democratic partisanship is 48.9%. Under the current nine-district system, there are four Republican districts, two Democratic districts, and two competitive districts. Under the proposed super districting system, voters would likely elect four Republicans, three Democrats, and two candidates who could come from either party.

SUPER DISTRICT A - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)			
Tennessee	1	132304	(60.9%)	81335	(37.5%)	3441	(1.6%)	217080	2.1%	1.5%
Tennessee	2	144412	(59.2%)	95100	(39.0%)	4246	(1.7%)	243758	6.2%	1.3%
Tennessee	3	132792	(57.0%)	96441	(41.4%)	3843	(1.6%)	233076	11.1%	1.6%
Total		409508	(59.0%)	272876	(39.3%)	11530	(1.7%)	693914	6.6%	1.5%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Racial minority voters would likely not be able to control their representation.

District Partisanship:

40.9% This super district would likely elect two Republicans and one Democrat.

SUPER DISTRICT B - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)			
Tennessee	4	111639	(49.7%)	109559	(48.8%)	3507	(1.6%)	224705	4.4%	1.6%
Tennessee	5	95309	(41.5%)	130111	(56.7%)	4015	(1.7%)	229435	23.4%	4.2%
Tennessee	6	112096	(49.2%)	111872	(49.1%)	3729	(1.6%)	227697	6.3%	2.6%
Total		319044	(46.8%)	351542	(51.6%)	11251	(1.7%)	681837	11.4%	2.8%

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:

53.2% This super district would likely elect one Democrat and one Republican with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT C - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Tennessee	7	146213	(58.8%)	99423	(40.0%)	3098	(1.2%)	248734	11.4%	2.2%
Tennessee	8	102998	(47.9%)	109221	(50.8%)	2633	(1.2%)	214852	22.3%	1.6%
Tennessee	9	83531	(35.7%)	147898	(63.2%)	2758	(1.2%)	234187	59.5%	3.0%
Total		332742	(47.7%)	356542	(51.1%)	8489	(1.2%)	697773	30.9%	2.3%

Winning Percentage:

25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

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

District Partisanship:

52.7% 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 Tennessee. 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.