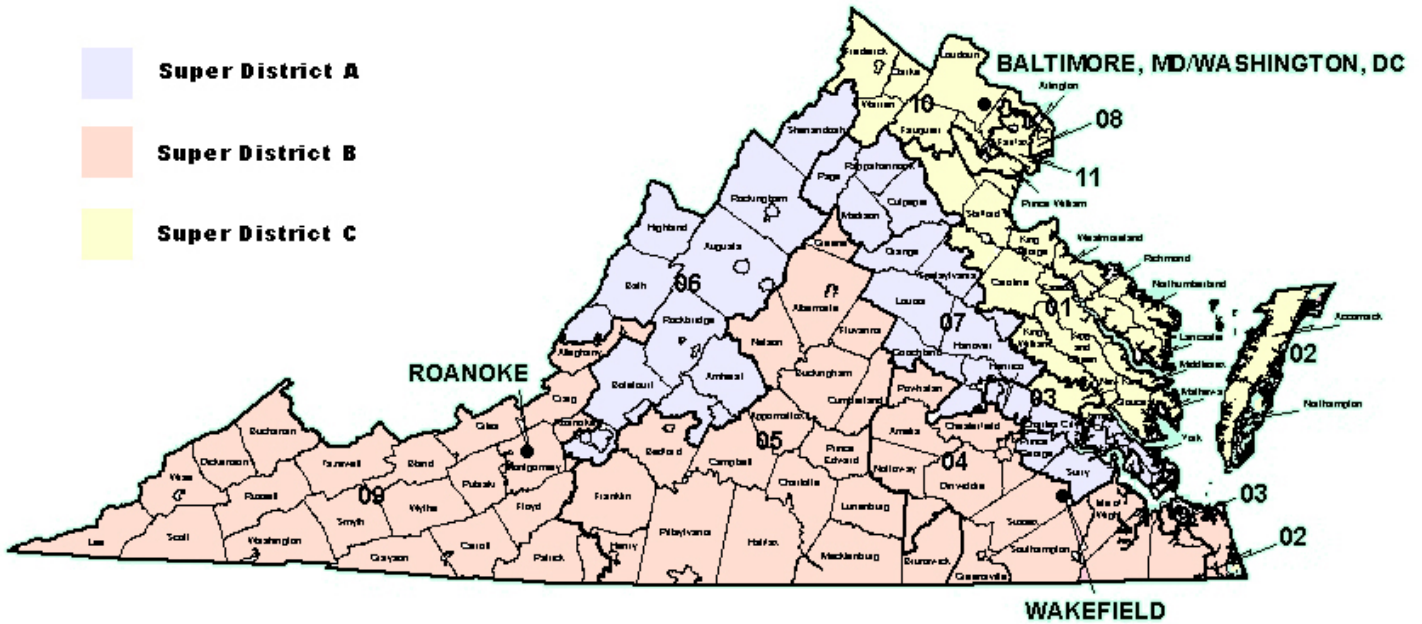


Virginia



Racial Representation

Of Virginia's voting population of 2,730,292, 18.6% are black and 4.8% are Latino. Under the current 11-district system, black voters make up the majority in one district. Virginia currently has one black representative. Under the proposed super districting plan, black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District A; black voters in coalition with other minority and white voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District B; and black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal in Super District C 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 Virginia with 52% of the vote over Al Gore's 44%. Virginia's Democratic partisanship is 46.2%. Under the current 11-district system, only two districts can be considered Democratic despite the fact that Democrats make up just under half of Virginia's voters. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect four Republicans, four Democrats, and three candidates who could come from either party.

SUPER DISTRICT A - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote							% Black Origin	% Latino Origin
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total		
Virginia	3	65724	(32.3%)	134020	(65.9%)	3603	(1.8%)	203347	56.0%	2.6%
Virginia	6	147961	(59.8%)	92407	(37.4%)	6984	(2.8%)	247352	10.9%	2.0%
Virginia	7	172425	(60.7%)	105504	(37.1%)	6261	(2.2%)	284190	16.1%	2.0%
Total		386110	(52.5%)	331931	(45.2%)	16848	(2.3%)	734889	25.4%	2.2%

Winning Percentage:

25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

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

District Partisanship:

46.8% 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
Virginia	4	131834	(54.2%)	107553	(44.2%)	3690	(1.5%)	243077	33.1%	2.0%
Virginia	5	137223	(55.1%)	102814	(41.3%)	8907	(3.6%)	248944	23.9%	1.6%
Virginia	9	129110	(54.6%)	100298	(42.4%)	7011	(3.0%)	236419	3.8%	1.1%
Total		398167	(54.7%)	310665	(42.6%)	19608	(2.7%)	728440	20.4%	1.6%

Winning Percentage:

25%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Black voters in coalition with other minority and white voters are well-positioned to 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 C - FIVE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Virginia	1	146914	(58.4%)	98731	(39.2%)	6060	(2.4%)	251705	18.4%	3.0%
Virginia	2	115512	(54.8%)	90256	(42.8%)	4940	(2.3%)	210708	21.4%	4.4%
Virginia	8	101788	(38.2%)	152940	(57.4%)	11692	(4.4%)	266420	13.4%	16.4%
Virginia	10	148211	(55.8%)	109063	(41.1%)	8106	(3.1%)	265380	6.7%	7.1%
Virginia	11	140961	(51.7%)	123702	(45.4%)	8087	(3.0%)	272750	10.1%	9.1%
Total		653386	(51.6%)	574962	(45.4%)	38885	(3.1%)	1266963	13.6%	8.2%

Winning Percentage:

16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis:

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

District Partisanship:

47.0% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

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