HB 487 & HB 488

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Redistricting State Legislative Districts

Following the 2020 census, the Louisiana State Legislature had the duty to ensure that state legislative and Congressional districts were fair under the Voting Rights Act. This meant giving all residents the ability to have their voice heard in elections by ensuring districts of similar size, and not intentionally diluting the voices of people of color.

The State Legislature approved state legislative districts in 2022. Both House and Senate district maps pack Black voters into a small number of majority-Black districts and crack other Black communities across other districts to prevent them from forming an effective voting bloc.

In March 2022, the ACLU, ACLU of Louisiana, and NAACP LDF challenged Louisiana's House and Senate legislative maps on behalf of Black voters across the state based on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

On February 8, 2024, the district court ruled in the plaintiffs' favor, finding Louisiana's House and Senate legislative maps violated Section 2 of the VRA across the state, including around Shreveport, Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, and Lake Charles. The defendants appealed the decision in late February 2024 and the Fifth Circuit heard arguments in the case in January 2025.

These maps filed in HB 487 and HB 488 would create more equitable state legislative district maps if the Courts continue to find that the existing maps violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

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