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A photo of Gov. Kay Ivey signing a proclamation on May 12 setting a date for a special Alabama primary election under previously drawn congressional maps. PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF ALABAMA GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

Gov. Ivey sets date for AL special primary

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After over a week of legal motions, public protests and a special session of the Alabama Legislature, Gov. Kay Ivey has set a date for a special primary election under previously drawn congressional maps.

On May 4, legislators convened for a special session focused on procedures for conducting special primaries in preparation for district lines potentially

changing for the next election cycle in the event the Supreme Court lifted the injunction that was on the state which barred it from redrawing its congressional maps before 2030.

The state made a move to get the injunction lifted via an emergency motion after an April 29 6-3 decision in a Louisiana redistricting case that limited how Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act can be applied in map-drawing disputes.

As of May 11, the Supreme Court sided with the state in the *Allen v. Milligan* redistricting case, triggering the protocols

made during the special session to move forward. The statewide primary election will go on as planned May 19, but Alabama now plans to revert to the 2023 state-drawn map for congressional races starting with a special election in August.

"I will continue to say: Alabama knows our state, our people and our districts best. The United States Supreme Court's decision is plain common sense and enables our values to

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High court reopens Alabama map case

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Alabama's congressional map faces renewed legal uncertainty after the U.S. Supreme Court gave state Republicans a major victory, reopening a case that could impact Black voter representation for years.

In a decision issued May 11, the court lifted a lower court ruling that had blocked Alabama's Republican-drawn map for likely violating the Voting Rights Act—a federal law prohibiting racial discrimination in voting—by diluting the voting strength of Black residents.

The move allows the legal challenge to continue while giving Alabama another chance to argue that it should not be required to maintain a second majority-Black congressional district, a key point of dispute that has defined the state's redistricting battles since 2023.

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Alabama nurses among lowest paid

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As we observe Nurses Week from May 6-12, we turn our attention to the professionals working in hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities nationwide. However, a new analysis shows that their paychecks do not stretch equally from state to state.

SmartAsset reviewed 2024 wage data and found that nursing earnings vary significantly across the U.S., even after adjusting for cost-of-living differences.

The findings highlight a broader pattern in health care labor markets. Higher-paying states cluster along the Pacific Coast, while many Southern and Midwestern states rank lower after adjusting for costs, despite similar job roles and responsibilities.

"Compensation must be treated as a strategic investment, not a cost to minimize. Nurses who feel valued stay," said Erin Slay, DNP, MHA, RN, Associate Dean, Central School of Practical Nursing.

From nurse practitioners to nursing assistants, location plays a key role in determining how far a paycheck truly goes.

Here's what nurses are making in Alabama and how they rank among the other states.

How much does a nurse get paid in Alabama?

Alabama nurses receive some of the nation's lowest wages when the cost of

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Feeling left behind, Black voters plan 'All Roads Lead to South' rallies

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Thousands of voting rights advocates, faith leaders and activists are expected to gather in Alabama and cities across the country Saturday as part of the "All Roads Lead to the South" National Day of Action.

The demonstrations, organized by voting rights groups and supported by the No Kings coalition, come as activists raise concerns about voting access, congressional redistricting and court rulings that weakened parts of the Voting Rights Act.

Events are planned in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, with additional solidarity actions scheduled nationwide.

Here's what to know.

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A speaker addresses protesters at a rally over voting rights and redistricting outside the state capitol in Montgomery on May 4.

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