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'Unnecessary, unpopular and unfair'

IN Senate Republicans don't have the votes to redistrict mid-decade

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(This story was updated to add information).

Indiana Senate Republicans do not have the votes to pass mid-decade redistricting despite a months-long campaign by the White House to secure two additional Republican seats.

That pressure culminated in a call from President Donald Trump on Oct. 17, where a dial-in poll was conducted. A majority of Republican lawmakers on the call indicated they support redistricting, according to Politico, with

many of the holdouts among Senate leadership.

But, in order to get new maps passed without any Democratic support, Republicans would need more than just a simple majority of their members to support redistricting.

"The votes aren't there for redistricting," said Molly Swigart, a spokesperson for Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville. She did not answer IndyStar questions seeking confirmation that a majority of Republican legislators supported redistricting or if efforts to change minds were ongoing.

Gov. Mike Braun, however, is still pursuing redistricting efforts.

"I am still having positive conversations with members of the legislature," he wrote in an Oct. 22 post on X. "I am confident the majority of Indiana Statehouse Republicans will support efforts to ensure fair representation in

congress for every Hoosier."

Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith had even stronger sentiments to share, calling the Senate a place "where conservative ideas from the House go to die" and urging his colleagues to "find a backbone."

Some Republican lawmakers and observers told IndyStar that redistricting hesitancy stems from commonsense Hoosier values, believing Indiana politics is above the partisan fury that characterizes the national debate.

But not all Senate leaders have reservations about redistricting. Assistant Majority Floor Leader Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, made that clear in a post Oct. 22 on X.

Other proponents have described redistricting Indiana as part of a larger

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Phi Kappa Psi frat suspended

Hazing incident leads to hospitalizations

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Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house has been sanctioned after two people were hospitalized with injuries after a hazing incident on homecoming weekend at Indiana University. Subsequently, the fraternity has been placed on cease and desist until further notice by Indiana University Bloomington.

According to a crime notice sent out by Indiana University Police on Oct. 22, the hazing incident was reported to have occurred between late night on Oct. 15 and the early morning Oct. 16.

IUPD Public Information Officer Hannah Cornett **IUPD Public** said further details Information cannot be released Officer Hannah at the time as an **Cornett said** investigation into further details the incident is oncannot be going. The names released at the of the suspects, time as an and of those hosinvestigation pitalized, have not into the been released inincident is dividually. ongoing. The Phi Kappa Psi is names of the suspects, and

the first greek life organization to be placed on cease and desist status this semester. Organizations placed on cease and desist are prohibited

from hosting social and recruitment events, membership education activities, "brotherhood/sisterhood" events or philanthropy and service events.

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Another non-greek life organization, the Palestine Solidarity Committee, has been placed on cease and desist this semester. The PSC was suspended prior to the start of the fall 2025 semester.

Anyone with information pertaining to the crime and investigation into the hazing incident is encouraged to call IUPD at 812-855-4111.

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Despite millions spent on Purdue Global marketing, confusion lingers

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WEST LAFAYETTE — In April 2017, Mitch Daniels told a room full of Purdue University trustees that their newest business partner was ironclad.

The Purdue president explained that Kaplan Higher Education, the company behind the for-profit, online Kaplan University that Purdue had just acquired, was trustworthy and strong.

A slideshow presentation describing the reasons behind the move said Kaplan's academic quality was high, along with its financial position and reputation.

Kaplan is owned by the Graham Holdings Co., once called the Washington Post Co. while it owned the newspaper for 80 years. The slide called the conglomerate a "highly revered entity" with an "important place in American histo-

ry."

Since then, Purdue Global — the name Purdue gave its online school — has used its affiliation with the landgrant institution to woo prospective students.

Purdue Global has constantly nodded to its parent school's prestige as evidence of its own quality, beginning its self-description with "backed by the the

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efforts to attract students from around the country, including at Purdue University football games in West Lafayette. VIRGINIA BLACK/TIMES-MAIL

