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## New LA map to give GOP edge

### Dems oppose the action of reducing Black congressional districts

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Louisiana moved one step closer on May 14 to reducing its majority Black congressional districts from two to one after the Senate approved new boundaries for the state's six House seats that favor Republicans.

Republican lawmakers in Louisiana

are racing to draw the new map supported by Republican Gov. Jeff Landry after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled April 29 the state's current map unconstitutional because the majority Black 6th Congressional District boundaries created a racial gerrymander.

Democratic lawmakers have opposed the action at every turn, but can do nothing legislatively to stop the new map from becoming law with Republi-

cans holding super majorities in both the House and Senate.

New Orleans Democratic Sen. Royce Duplessis acknowledged as much Thursday, saying the debate "to a large extent is a farce because we already know how everybody is going to vote."

Senate Bill 121 by Republican Sen. Jay Morris of Monroe would create five

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**"Since I am a Republican this map is drawn to maintain a Republican advantage. I believe this map will easily pass any sort of (court) challenge."**

Republican Sen. Jay Morris



## National Guard troops return to Washington

### Set to rejoin task force for crackdown on crime

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Louisiana National Guard soldiers have returned to Washington, D.C., on a second deployment as part of President Trump's continued crackdown on crime in the nation's capital. • Trump declared a crime emergency in Washington nine months ago to trigger deployments of states' National Guard troops to the capital.

Republican Gov. Jeff Landry first sent a contingent of Louisiana soldiers to Washington in August 2025. Lt. Col. Noel Collins told USA Today Network on May 13 that all of those soldiers returned to Louisiana by the end of December.

Landry's latest deployment of Louisiana soldiers includes about 125 who began assisting other soldiers and local police May 12.

Louisiana's soldiers won't make arrests, but

they will patrol high-traffic areas while playing a supporting role for the D.C. National Guard and local police. The White House has said its capital crime task force has made more than 12,000 arrests since August and seized thousands of illegal guns.

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Louisiana National Guard soldiers depart for Washington, D.C., on May 11.

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## Recall petition filed against state's AG

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Murrill

Republican Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill faces a recall petition filed May 13 by the same two Baton Rouge women seeking to recall Republican Gov. Jeff Landry.

Marian Gbaiwon and Katilyn Stepter said they oppose Murrill because she has supported lawsuits reducing Louisiana's majority Black congressional districts, restricting abortion access and installing the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

The official filing states that the reason for the petition is "lack of fairness and accountability, using taxpayer dollars to push personal religious and political agendas, pushing religion into public schools, undermining the voices of voters in majority-Black communities, and government overreach into women's healthcare decisions."

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## Debate over university audit gets tense, heated

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BATON ROUGE — A House resolution directing auditors to determine how much state and federal money has been spent on programs requiring Louisiana universities to increase the number of minority students survived after a tense debate in the House Appropriations Committee on May 11.

Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman and Rep. Alonzo Knox, two New Orleans Democrats, moved to involuntarily defer, or effectively kill, the resolution. But the

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