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## Greg Young vows continued fight

### Caddo Commissioner promises another push against state's new map

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Caddo Commissioner Greg Young said he will continue reintroducing his resolution opposing Louisiana's new congressional district map until it wins approval, despite the measure failing for

a second time during Monday's Caddo Parish Commission work session.

The resolution opposed the state's newly adopted congressional map, which eliminated the current predominantly Black 6th Congressional District represented by Rep. Cleo Fields. It was approved after the cancellation of the state's congressional primary election.

Young said the resolution is important as a matter of historical record, arguing it shows local elected official opposed what he described as an effort to disenfranchise Black voters. Young said the measure ensures future generations will know some officials publicly stood against the state's redistricting plan.

State lawmakers passed the new congressional map May 29 that reshapes Louisiana's six U.S. House districts into five Republican-friendly seats and one Democratic-friendly seat. The lone Democratic district is the 2nd

Congressional District, currently represented by Black New Orleans Congressman Troy Carter.

The resolution first failed May 21 on a 6-4 vote, with two commissioners absent, one Republican and one Democrat. It fell short again Monday in a 5-5 deadlock, as two Democratic commissioners were absent from the meeting.

"As I stated on the panel the other day, I was going to keep bringing it up until it passes," Young said. "The reason

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## AI weather forecasting one piece of a puzzle



Meteorologists use many models to forecast hurricane impacts, but Google's AI-powered DeepMind is quickly becoming a favorite for its accuracy. PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

### Although incredibly accurate, models can't predict everything

**Kimberly Miller**  
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WEST PALM BEACH, FL - Machine learning blustered into the limelight of hurricane forecasting in June 2025 when the National Hurricane Center began using artificial intelligence models, including Google's pioneering DeepMind.

By the end of the season that saw three Category 5 terrors - the most since 2005 - meteorologists were "gobsmacked" by DeepMind's skill. They said Google's AI forecasting tool brought a decade's worth of advancement to predicting tropical cyclones. It was stunning, they said. It will change forecasting forever, they prophesied.

The AI tool is more efficient, can

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Michael Hoyt survived Hurricane Michael when it ripped through Wausau, Florida, in 2018. In the future, more meteorologists will likely be using AI models like Google's DeepMind to create forecasts and give people more time to prepare for tropical catastrophes. LANNIS WATERS/PALM BEACH POST

## Police to stop writing sticker tickets

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Louisiana police must officially stop writing tickets for expired vehicle inspection stickers beginning June 30, though the lawmaker who passed the bill to scrap the program said officers already have ceased issuing the citations.

Gov. Jeff Landry signed Republican Stonewall Rep. Larry Bagley's House Bill House Bill 1085 into law June 2, saying it might be the most popular bill he'll sign all year.

"The inspection sticker is now EXPIRED in Louisiana!" Landry posted on X. "I was proud to finally sign Representative Bagley's bill to get rid of this costly and burden-

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## State session upended by court

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Louisiana's Legislative Session was upended when the Supreme Court ruled the state's congressional map unconstitutional April 29, overshadowing all other issues after Republican Gov. Jeff Landry suspended elections and demanded lawmakers create a new map.

But other fiery debates like the shrinking of New Orleans' judicial system, teacher raises and the hold on an expansion of private school vouchers, also competed for Landry's and legislators' attention.

Louisiana lawmakers ended their session June 1, but many of the key issues remain unresolved, including recall petitions against Landry and Republican Attorney General Liz Murrill for their roles in canceling the May 16 party primary U.S. House elections.

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