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Redistricting wars in uncharted waters



Democratic State House Rep. Justin Pearson of Memphis marches to the Tennessee state capitol building in Nashville with demonstrators protesting efforts by the state's GOP leadership to redraw U.S. House districts. SETH HERALD/REUTERS

GOP prospects get boost while middle is weakened

Susan Page
USA TODAY

The redistricting wars are raging. What happens next?

History provides little guidance, because never before has there been a cross-country campaign to redraw congressional districts at mid-decade and on the fly. But the repercussions, both immediate and far-reaching, are likely to bolster Republican prospects in the midterms, weaken the political middle, reduce minority representation in Congress and intensify the nation's polarization.

Texas Republicans, urged on by President Donald Trump, began the redistricting bidding last August. California Democrats responded in kind. And a U.S. Supreme Court ruling April 29 opened the floodgates even as the November elections loom.

"Texas will be the biggest one,"



Demonstrators in Memphis take part in a march on May 9 held in response to the Tennessee legislature's redrawing of U.S. House maps.

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Trump boasted to reporters at the White House in July 2025, a prediction that turned out to be accurate. "And that'll be five" seats.

In all, eight states have redrawn their congressional districts over the

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Will new AHN helicopter help patients in Beaver Valley?

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The health network that is looking to acquire two Beaver Valley hospitals unveiled May 8 the first of four new Airbus H145 D3 medical transport helicopters, part of a \$55 million investment to modernize the network's LifeFlight fleet.

Allegheny Health Network's Division of Prehospital Care Services said in a release that this significant upgrade to the LifeFlight fleet will enhance critical care air transport across AHN's broad footprint, further solidifying the network's leadership in meeting the greater western Pennsylvania region's emergency medical services needs.

AHN held a public hearing in February on its efforts to make Heritage Valley Beaver and Heritage Valley Sewickley the 15th and 16th hospitals in its system.

The first H145 D3 is now operational

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