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NAACP calls for college boycott

Asks Black athletes not to attend in TN, other redistricting southern states diluting Black vote

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The NAACP wants Black athletes to not play for major public colleges in states like Tennessee, which the organization says have taken steps to dilute the power of Black voters.

Tennessee recently redrew its congressional maps in a way that fractures the voting power of majority-Black

Memphis.

"The state that is working to erase your grandmother's congressional district is the same state whose governor will stand on the field and celebrate your touchdown or game-winning shot," Tylik McMillan, national director of the NAACP's youth and college division, said in a news release announcing the boycott. "We are asking young people — recruits, current athletes, fans — to see that connection clearly and to act on it."

The "Out of Bounds" boycott is targeted at public college athletic programs that generate more than \$100 million in annual revenue in eight states. The NAACP says those states' governments are "[dismantling] the political power of Black communities."

The states the NAACP identified are Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Not all of those states have redrawn their congressional maps since the April 29 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that rolled back protections for minority

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Checked out Neyland Stadium during Tennessee's SEC game against Georgia in Neyland Stadium on Sept. 30, 2017. BRIANNA PACIORKA/NEWS SENTINEL



Stewarts Creek's Samya Sandifer, foreground, pitches against Farragut during a 2026 TSSAA Class 4A Girls Softball State Tournament game on May 19, at McKnight Park in Murfreesboro. HELEN COMER/THE DAILY NEWS JOURNAL

Murfreesboro area plays ball in state tournaments

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The 2026 TSSAA spring state tournaments were held over the course of two

weeks at various locations in Tennessee. Knoxville hosted the state track and field championships May 19-21 while Chattanooga held the TSSAA tennis state championships May 12-15. Murfreesboro held the TSSAA baseball,

softball and boys soccer state tournaments, which began May 19 and were scheduled to wrap up over Memorial Day weekend. The state lacrosse and flag football championships were held May 14-16.

Judges hear case against new maps

NAACP's fight against redistricting gets started

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A three-judge panel appeared sympathetic to the NAACP of Tennessee's argument that new congressional maps harmed candidates and voters, but skeptical of concerns that redistricting will cause havoc for county election officials.

In a May 21 hearing, the NAACP asked the judges to halt the maps from going into effect before August primaries and November midterms. The new maps, passed by the General Assembly on May 7, eliminated Tennessee's only Black-majority congressional district.

"If anything, people not knowing where to vote or not knowing what district they're in makes things harder," attorney Anthony Ashton, representing the NAACP, said in the hearing. "It creates chaos, it creates confusion."

The NAACP's case takes aim at state law and constitutional provisions, saying legislators' hurried actions to pass new maps disenfranchised candidates and voters. The NAACP alleged there are discrepancies between Gov. Bill Lee's proclamation calling for the special session and the lawmakers' final actions.

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Chancellor Anne C. Martin speaks on May 21 during a hearing in the NAACP's suit. A three-judge panel is hearing the case in the Tennessee Supreme Court building.

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