

# 2023 Proposed Senate Map

Senate Committee Chair, November 27, 2023

## Court Mandate

**Add 2 Black majority districts in south-metro Atlanta without eliminating any minority opportunity districts.**

## Fair Districts GA assessment

A remedy map should meet the Court's mandate without making any other unnecessary changes. We oppose mid-cycle redistricting, the practice of changing maps between decennial censuses for political gain.

We ask 2 key questions:

- Does the map implement the remedy required by the Court by adding Black majority districts? (Note: The Court may use additional criteria to judge compliance beyond basic demographics.)
- Does the map contain other changes, unrelated to the prescribed remedies, affecting partisan balance or competitiveness of districts?

Comparison of proposed remedy map to 2021 enacted map					
Characteristic		2021 Enacted map	Proposed Map	What's changed?	Pass/Fail
Racial Demographics	Black majority districts ( $\geq 50\%$ BVAP*)	14	16	Added SD17 & SD28	Complies with mandate  ✓
	Black influence districts (37%-50% BVAP)	2	1	SD33 decreased 43% to 35.3%	
	Minority majority districts**	20	22	Added SD17 & SD28	
Partisan Balance***	Republican districts	33	33	SD17 & SD33 are new Democratic districts. SD6 & SD42 were moved and flipped from Democratic to Republican.	Contains partisan changes not necessary to comply with court mandate
	Democratic districts	23	23		
	Competitive districts (46.5-53.5% partisan balance)	1	1	No additional competitive districts	✗
Total districts changed 15/56=27% Total population moved between districts = 14.4%					

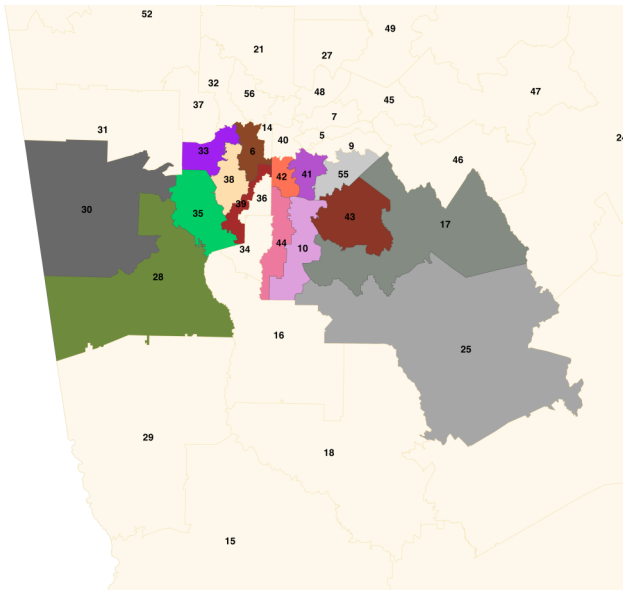
\* BVAP = Black voting-age population, Black / African American + Black & Hispanic

\*\* Minority-majority = non-Hispanic white population <50%

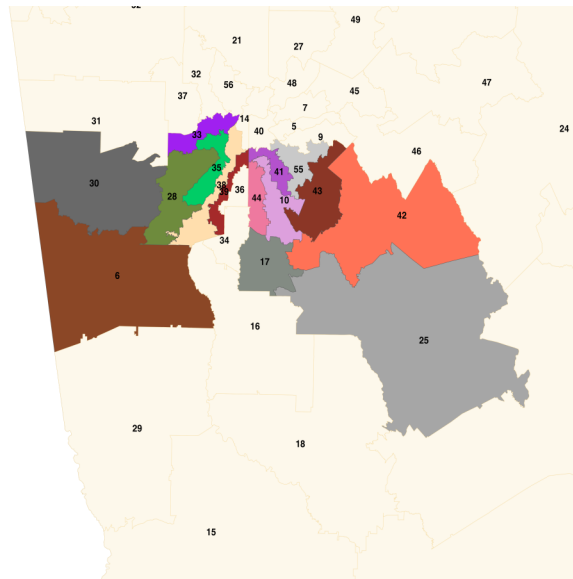
\*\*\* Partisan balance estimated based on 2018-20-21 major statewide elections

# State Senate Remedy Map Changes

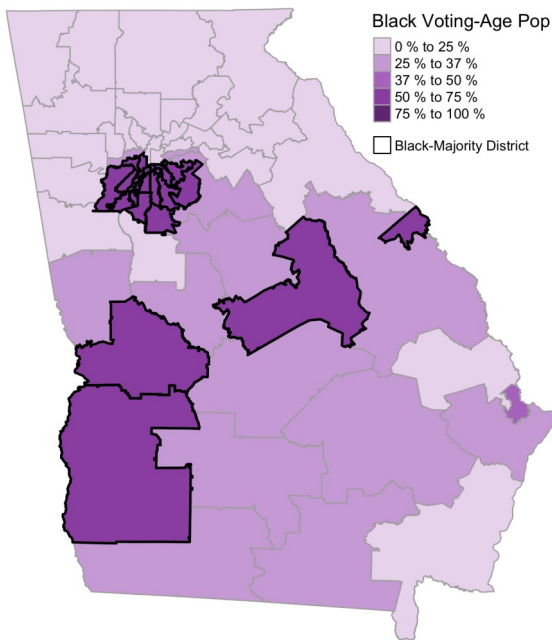
2021 Enacted Map (changed area)



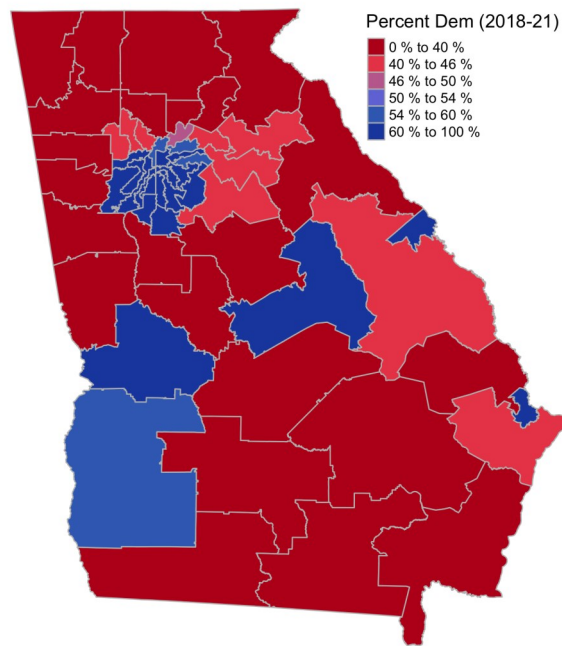
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Remedy Map Black Districts



Remedy Map Partisan Lean



## What is a Fair Map?

Fair maps are an essential component of Free and Fair Elections. Fair Districts GA Foundation believes that maps should:

- Reflect the natural political preferences of voters distributed across the state
- Allow for competition
- Reflect Georgia's diversity by providing sufficient minority-majority opportunity districts and complying with the Voting Rights Act
- Preserve minority influence districts
- Honor communities of interest



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