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REDISTRICTING UPDATE

A SNAPSHOT OF MISSOURI REDISTRICTING

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Missouri’s ongoing redistricting process has not resulted in drafted maps, so they are still far from being approved and finished. Two bipartisan commissions, appointed by Republican Gov. Mike Parson, have begun work to redraw the next decade’s district lines for the Missouri General Assembly’s 34 state Senate seats and 163 House seats. Commission members have until Dec. 23 to produce their first maps.

While all four Kansas City counties — Jackson, Clay, Platte and Cass — saw population increases, none were enough to gain a full Senate seat. In the Northland, it will mean shrinking two existing Senate districts that cover parts of Kansas City, to account for growth. Platte County saw the state’s biggest population bump over the past decade with more than 17,000 new residents, a 19% increase. Neighboring Clay County grew by more than 31,000 residents, a 14% spike.

There is also hope that Kansas City burgeoning Latino population will prompt commissioners to draw a majority-Latino House district that encompasses the historic Northeast region. Those neighborhoods are currently split up among three House districts, primarily one represented by Democrat Ingrid Burnett that extends east toward Independence.

As debate continues, the commission of 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats must receive at least 14 votes for approval. If the commission is deadlocked, a panel of judges will draw the districts by late April of 2022.

NEW MISSOURI MAPS (PRINCETON GERRYMANDER PROJECT DATA)

2020 MISSOURI STATE SENATE MAP

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