WHERE WE ARE

On November 4th, the North Carolina Legislature passed a new congressional map along party lines. It was passed in such a way that the Governor’s signature was not needed. The new map, which was drawn by the Senate Redistricting and Election Committee, has two fewer Democratic-leaning seats, two more Republican-leaning ones and one more competitive seat, for a final tally of 10 Republican-leaning seats, three Democratic-leaning seats and one competitive seat.

These maps are expected to be challenged in court but as of now are the official news maps of North Carolina. Those suing the maps argue that they intentionally divide urban areas in the state to crack up Democratic and minority voters.

BREAKING NEWS: The full N.C. Court of Appeals has overturned a three-judge panel’s order blocking congressional and legislative candidate filing. Filing can proceed until the full 15-member court considers challenges to new state election maps. The “temporary stay” issued by a three-judge Appeals Court panel just before noon Monday had blocked candidate filing for 2022 elections affected by new statewide maps. That means no candidate for Congress or the state House or Senate was allowed to file for office Monday.

NEW NORTH CAROLINA MAPS (PRINCETON GERRYMANDER PROJECT DATA)

POLITICAL BREAKDOWN OF NEW MAPS

Congressional:
• 13 CDs, expected to be a 10R-3D with 1 toss-up district.

State Senate:
• 50 Districts, projected to be 30R-20D with 7 competitive seats.

State House:
• 120 Districts; projected to be 67R-53D with 8 competitive districts

*DATA FROM U.S. CENSUS BUREAU & FIVETHIRTYEIGHT.COM & PRINCETON GERRYMANDER PROJECT & LOCAL NEWS SOURCES