WHERE WE ARE

On November 22nd, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed the Redistricting proposal into law. The new law finalizes the map that outlines the state’s five congressional and 149 state House and Senate districts. The new map creates five safely red seats, undoing Oklahoma’s one competitive seat: the Oklahoma City-based 5th District, which currently has a FiveThirtyEight partisan lean of R+11. Instead, the new map moves the 5th District all the way to R+24 by shedding heavily Democratic parts of Oklahoma City and giving them to the dark-red 3rd District.

This map has splits Oklahoma City into 3 districts, forgoing the option to cover OKC into one district that would be competitive. Instead, the Republican-drawn map instead splits it between three districts. The Democrats’ alternative proposal in the state Senate did lay out an R+8 5th District based almost entirely in Oklahoma County. But the Democratic plan never had any hope of passing in the overwhelmingly Republican legislature.

More concerns were raised by the League of Women Voters, who noted that the state’s five congressional districts would cut out more than half of the Hispanic population from the 5th District and move it to the 3rd District. The proposed map would divide the Hispanic population — an urban community in Oklahoma County, which constitutes racial gerrymandering and a violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As of now, no legal action has been taken to try and stop the current maps.

NEW OKLAHOMA MAPS

POLITICAL BREAKDOWN OF NEW MAPS

Congressional:
• 5 CDs, expected to be a 5R-0D, no district has a partisan lean below R+24

State Senate:
• 48 Districts, projected to be 40R-8D with 0 competitive seats.

State House:
• 101 Districts; projected to be 80R-21D with 8 competitive districts.

2020 OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE MAP

MAP SHOWS MINORITY VOTING POPULATION

MAP SHOWS PARTISAN VOTER SPLIT

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