On November 10th, the South Dakota Legislature approved a new political map that will define the state’s political boundaries for the next decade. The new lines take effect for the 2022 elections and continue through 2030. Many current legislators who can seek re-election face the prospect of now running in different areas.

In a crucial win for Native American representation, the northern area of Rapid City — which contains much of the Native American community — was included in a single legislative district with the eastern part of the city. Other districts that covered American Indian reservations were improved to ensure voting rights, said Brett Healy, who was lobbying for Four Directions Vote, a voting rights advocacy group.

South Dakota has only one congressional district, which is expected to be held a republican as the state has a partisan lean of R+32.