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Message:

The Texas Legislature is trying to suppress the votes of millions of people of color through gerrymandering.

- -- Despite Latinos accounting for 50% of the growth in Texas over the last decade, this map reduces representation, removing three majority Latinx districts.
- -- The proposal reduces the number of African American majority seats by nearly half.
- -- Splits apart AAPI communities to reduce their influence in districts.
- -- Unnecessarily rips apart historic neighborhoods and diverse communities in a brazen attempt to cement white, conservative power for the next decade.
- -- Combines the districts of 2 out of the 3 Latina representatives in South/West Texas.
- -- They are only providing a 4 day notice to the public with one opportunity to comment on the map.

The redrawing of district maps is intended to reflect population growth captured by the latest census. People of color accounted for 95% of the state's growth over the last decade, but in the new map there's one less Hispanic majority district and zero districts with a Black majority.

Based on eligible voters, the current congressional district map includes 22 districts with white majorities, eight with Hispanic majorities, one with a Black majority and five that have no majority. The newly proposed map includes 23 districts with white majorities, seven with Hispanic majorities, none with a Black majority and eight that have no majority.

"Fearing voters, Republicans once again engage in extreme gerrymandering to carve up neighborhoods and communities of interest in Travis, Hays and Bexar Counties—aiming to dilute strong voices. With lines shaped like snakes, tentacles, and dragons, parts of both Travis and Bexar are included in five different districts. San Antonio and Austin are connected by a sliver only slightly wider than I-35," said Lloyd Doggett

FOR SHAME

Texas gets to be #1 again ...at being the Worst Child Malnutrition? Maternal Mortality? Uninsured Folks,? Low Voter Turn out ? Nope it's the item that sparks these \dots

GERRYMANDERING