



NCPA PAC Newsletter

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Dear NCPA PAC Supporter-

Thank you for your investments in the NCPA PAC. Your support has helped create significant support for community pharmacy on Capitol Hill. We've seen bipartisan support grow for addressing pharmacy DIR fees as 30 U.S. Senators and 85 members of the House of Representatives signed onto letters supporting CMS' regulatory efforts. Congressman John Rose (R-Tenn.) coauthored an op-ed with NCPA CEO Doug Hoey calling out the FTC for its failure to move forward with a 6b study of PBMs. This study would have given the FTC subpoena power to demand PBMs turn over documents related to contracting, pharmacy reimbursements and other data the PBMs have kept hidden. We are hopeful the FTC will revisit this issue and it is imperative that our Congressional allies help keep up the pressure.

As a pharmacist who has gotten into politics, this newsletter will update you on some of the political developments that you may not see covered in other NCPA communications. I hope that these may be of interest to you as we look ahead.

Thank you again for your generous support of NCPA PAC and for playing an integral role in community pharmacy's continued success.

Best,

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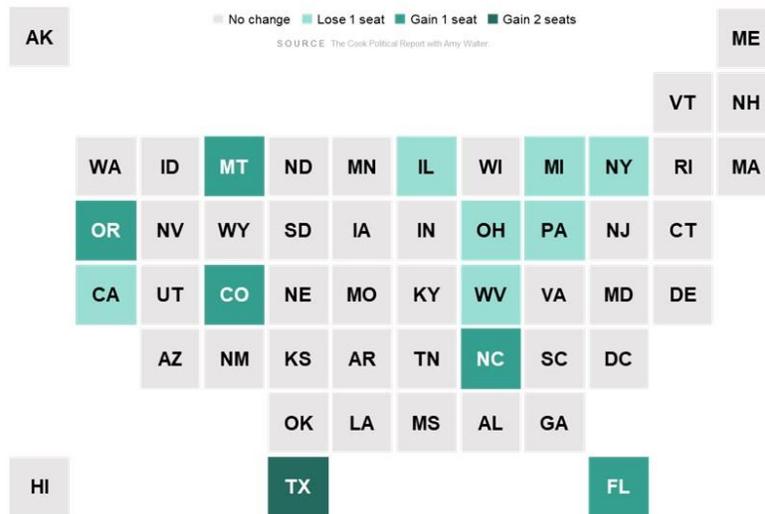
Stephen Giroux, RPh
NCPA PAC Chairman
Owner, Middleport Family Health Center



New Congressional Maps Coming into Focus

Following the 2020 census, states are wrapping up their redistricting processes. Based off of the census results, six states gained seats and seven states lost seats in Congress. Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, Oregon all gained one seat and Texas gained two seats while California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia all lost one seat.

2020 reapportionment results



Heading into the redistricting process, pundits largely believed that Democrats were in for a rough ride as 187 seats were in states completely controlled by Republicans while only 76 were in states under complete Democrat control. The rest of the seats were either in states where independent commissions controlled the process or where there was split control between the parties.

However, the perception of Republican control of the process has not produced the expected Republican gains that were predicted by the pundits. Democrats have held their own in the process due to several state court decisions, particularly in North Carolina and Ohio, that struck down Republican drawn maps designed to maximize Republican gains. Additionally, some states under Democrat control, such as New York, were also able to produce a map that is expected to produce significant gains for Democrats.

With four states left to complete their process, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and New Hampshire, there has been an increase of ten districts that would have strongly backed former Pres. Trump in 2020 and an increase of seven districts that would have strongly backed Pres. Biden in 2020. Of the remaining states left, Republicans control the process in all of them except Louisiana where control is split between the parties.

As a result of redistricting, at least 45 members of the House will be running in new districts.

The following highlights developments in a few key states:

New York- Democrat Advantage

Current delegation: 19 Dems, 8 GOP

Seats after reapportionment: 26 (-1 seat)

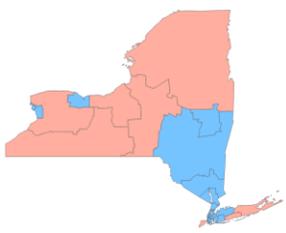
Redistricting control: Commission/**Democratic**

Governor Kathy Hochul (D) signed New York's new congressional map into law on Feb. 3

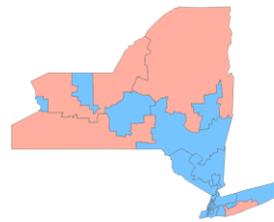
- Despite losing a seat in reapportionment, Democrats gerrymandered the new map to their advantage and increased their safe seats by three, with the biggest gains in Upstate NY
- The new map eliminates nearly half of the state's GOP-leaning seats, resulting in just 4 safe Republican seats compared to 20 safe Democratic seats
- The two competitive districts still tilt left, giving Democrats an opportunity to flip the 1st and 6th CDs

Republicans said they would challenge the map, which some non-partisan groups have also deemed a partisan gerrymander.

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North Carolina- Court Redraw

Current delegation: 5 Dems, 8 GOP

Seats after reapportionment: 14 (+1 seat)

Redistricting control: **Republican** (state legislature)

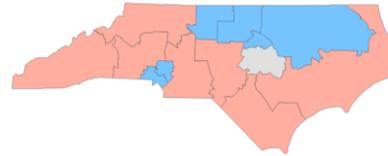
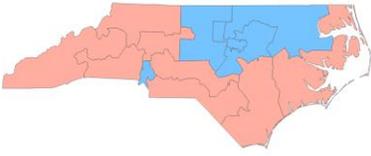
Status: Remedial map in place for 2022

On Feb. 23, a three-judge panel enacted a remedial congressional map after legislative plans were struck down for favoring the GOP; the map is only in effect for 2022 as a temporary solution

- The new districts were drawn by a panel of redistricting experts and creates a roughly balanced map that reflects the partisan divide of the state, creating five Democratic seats, six, GOP seats and one toss-up seat in the 13th on the exurbs of the research triangle
- Democrats' biggest win is the 14th, which went from Solid R to Solid D, while Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.-11) gains the only GOP advantage
- Democrats could lose control of the state Supreme Court in 2022, which would give the GOP free reign to redraw districts

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Ohio- Court Redraw

Current delegation: 4 Dems, 12 GOP

Seats after reapportionment: 15 (-1 seat)

Redistricting control: Commission/Republican

Status: Approved

On Jan. 11, the state Supreme Court struck down the map in a 4-3 ruling, citing illegal partisan gerrymandering

- The legislature failed to redraw the map in 30 days and punted redistricting control to the state's backup commission

On March 2, Republicans on the redistricting commission approved a new map that would be valid until 2024 but could still be struck down by the state Supreme Court

- The new districts create the same partisan balance as the overturned map, with 11 GOP leaning districts, two Democratic leaning districts, and two competitive districts
- The two competitive districts are currently held by Reps. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio-1) and Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio-9)
- Under the new map, Hamilton and Cuyahoga counties are split across two districts, Cincinnati remains tied to Warren county, and Summit County remains whole, making the 13th CD more Democratic leaning
- This new map is still in litigation

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Texas- Republican Advantage

Current delegation: 13 Dems, 23 GOP

Seats after reapportionment: 38 (+2 seats)

Redistricting control: Republican (state legislature)

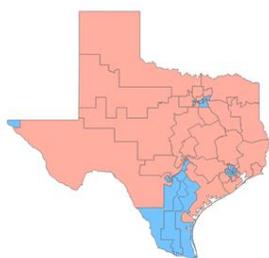
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Gov. Abbott (R) signed into law a new GOP-passed map that shores up all 23 GOP seats and renders all but one seat uncompetitive in 2022

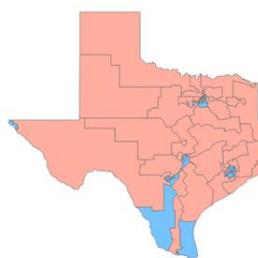
- The new 37th is a strongly blue Austin “vote sink” that drastically strengthens four surrounding GOP incumbents, while the new 38th is a GOP-heavy seat in the west Houston suburbs
- To offset the 37th, the map shifts the Rio Grande Valley 15th from Biden +2 to Trump +3

On Dec. 6, the DOJ announced a lawsuit against Texas’ new congressional maps under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act

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Key Candidate Highlights

Chris Schiller – OK2

Pharmacist [Chris Schiller](#), owner of Economy Pharmacy in Tulsa, Okla. is running to replace Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R) in Oklahoma’s second Congressional District. Mullin is seeking the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. James Inhofe (R). Schiller is one of four announced candidates running in the Republican primary. The others are former State Reps. John Bennett and Marty Quinn and Erick Wyatt, who ran unsuccessfully in the 2014 primary against Sen. Inhofe. The primary will be held on June 28.



Rich Moon – NY23

Pharmacist [Rich Moon](#), owner of Pharmacy Innovations in Jamestown, NY is running for a Congressional seat in New York. He will face current Rep. Claudia Tenney (R) who represents the neighboring 22nd congressional district and announced she would run in the new 23rd. Rich is one of several candidates that have announced for the Republican primary, including Hugh Bahar and George Burns. The primary will be held on June 28.



Mark Patefield – NE, State Senate District 40

Mark is the pharmacist and owner of U-Save Pharmacy of Wayne. He is running for Nebraska State Senate District 40. In Nebraska, there is a non-partisan primary election. There are three other candidates in the race. The primary will be held on May 10.



Rep. Justin Boyd, Pharm. D. – AR, State Senate District 27

Rep. Justin Boyd, Pharm. D. is currently a State Representative in Arkansas representing Arkansas House District 77. He is the pharmacist and owner of Coleman Pharmacy of Alma, in Alma, AR. There is one other candidate in the race. The primary will be held on May 24. You can learn more about Justin on his [website](#).



Shane Abbott – FL, State House District 5

Shane is running as a Republican for the Florida House of Representatives. Abbott has a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy. After completing his education, Abbott returned home, where he worked at a local independent pharmacy for seven years before he and a business partner opened their own pharmacy, The Prescription Place. You can learn more about Shane Abbott on his [website](#).



2022 Primaries Underway

The 2022 elections are underway as Texas kicked off the primaries on March 1. In a race of note for pharmacy, pharmacy champion Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Texas-28) failed to reach the 50% threshold to avoid a runoff and will face Jessica Cisneros on May 24. Cuellar is seeking his tenth term in office. On the statewide level, Gov. Greg Abbott (R) secured the nomination for a third term and will face Democratic nominee Beto O'Rourke in the November General Election. The next primary following Texas will not be held until the North Carolina primary on May 17.

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