

Governor Submits New Redistricting Maps Using “Least Change” Approach Pursuant to Court Order

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Evers hopes to improve Republicans’ gerrymandered maps after Wisconsin Supreme Court rejects maps prepared by the nonpartisan redistricting commission.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Wednesday submitted new redistricting maps to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to comply with the Court’s order requiring parties to submit new maps that use the “least change” approach to redistricting.

In an earlier filing to the Court, Gov. Evers, who continues to fight for nonpartisan redistricting, advocated for the Court to take up the maps prepared by the People’s Maps Commission, the state’s nonpartisan redistricting commission. On Nov. 30, 2021, the Court ordered that any proposed map submitted to it must be a “least change” map, a new concept never adopted before by a Wisconsin court. In so doing, the Court outright rejected the maps prepared by the People’s Maps Commission, instead ordering parties to submit new maps that take a “least change” approach, making the minimum changes necessary from the state’s current legislative and congressional district boundaries. Additionally, in taking a “least change” approach to the current maps, the Court also will not consider partisan makeup in drawing new district lines.

