

House Bill 4 Explained

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Official Bill Caption

Relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

What it Does

[House Bill 4](#), passed during the second special session, enacts a mid-decade congressional redistricting plan. HB 4 redraws Texas' congressional districts and is projected to shift up to five additional U.S. House seats toward Republicans. HB 4 takes effect on December 4, 2025.

Why it Matters

By [rolling over](#) for Trump's unprecedented and [unwanted](#) demand for mid-decade redistricting, Republican legislators showed their priority is clinging to national power, not advancing the well-being of their constituents. If legislators will go to these extremes to ram through Trump's political agenda, how else will they sell out Texans?

This shameless [gerrymandering power grab](#) rigs the system by diluting the voting power of communities of color, denying them the ability to elect candidates of their choosing. In fact, [one analysis](#) indicates that the new racially engineered map would weaken Latino Texans' voting power to one-third that of white Texans, and Black Texans' voting power to one-fifth. Texans deserve to have the diversity of our state reflected in our congressional delegation, not to have our voices silenced. We deserve fair representation and the ability to choose our legislators, not to have our legislators choose us.

What's Next

Even before HB 4, Texas was one of the most gerrymandered states and the subject of civil rights litigation. HB 4 rigs the system even further, and has set off a [redistricting arms race](#) across the nation. TFN and other voting-rights advocates will not be silent in the face of this Trump takeover. [New lawsuits](#) have been filed in addition to the existing litigation to fight discriminatory maps in the courts.

TFN will keep working alongside our allies to educate Texans on [how redistricting affects them at all levels of government](#) and how to demand accountability at the polls. In 2026, TFN and our youth organizing arm, Texas Rising Action, will endorse candidates committed to fair maps, real representation, and a government that protects democracy.

We're building power to create the Texas we deserve. Join our movement for change at www.tfn.org/join-us!

