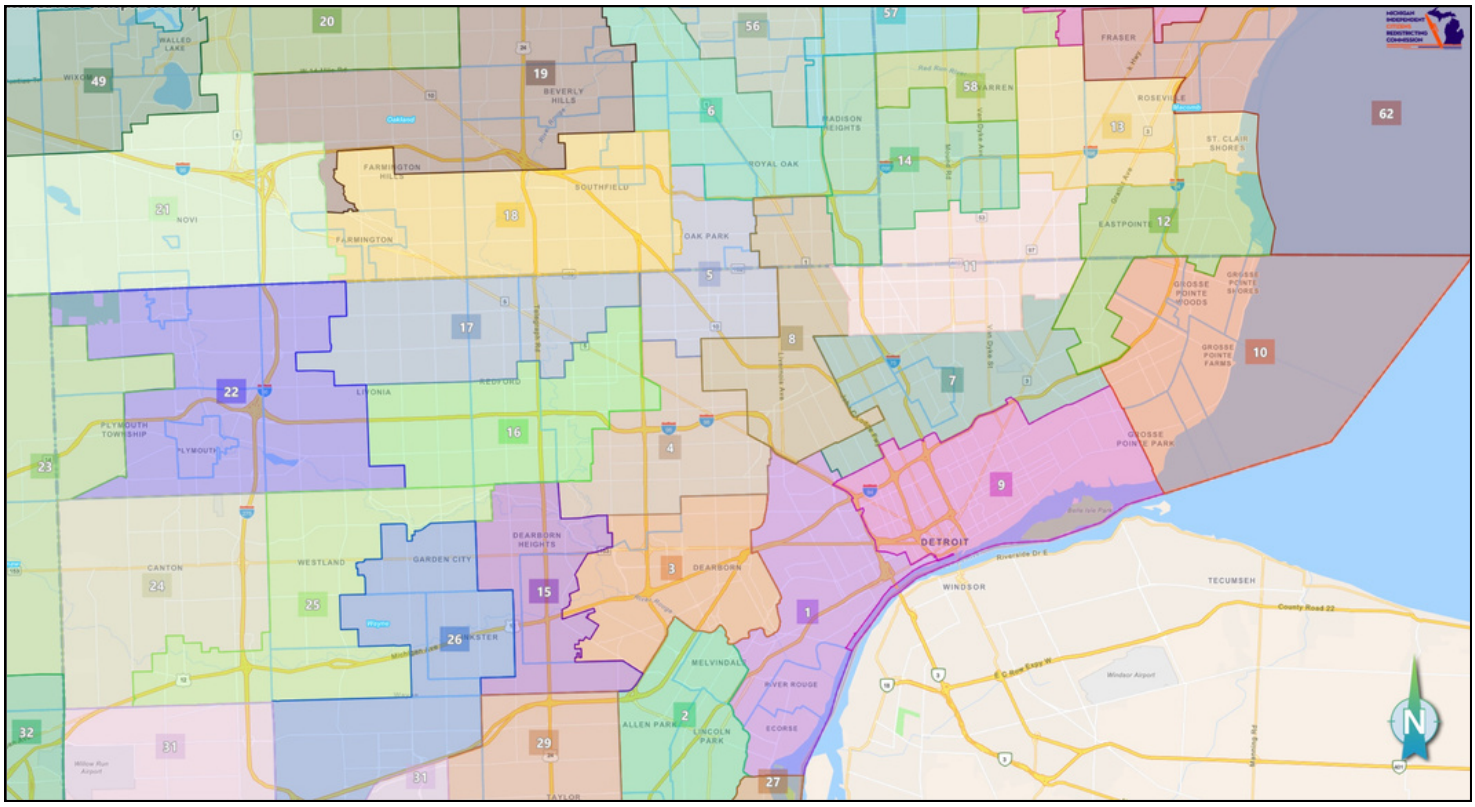
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Legislative Update

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Federal Panel Approves New House Map

A federal judicial panel that, in December 2023, ordered a redraw of seven Detroit-area House District maps because they were found to violate the constitution has now approved the remedial map put forth by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC).

The judges issued their decision on March 27, securing implementation of **redrawn House districts 1-14 and 16** for the 2024 elections.

All 110 House districts are up for reelection in November.

The ICRC will soon begin work to remap Senate districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11, as mandated by the panel. A tentative timeline includes seeking public input beginning April 12 through July 30; information about how to share comments will be posted **here**.

The Michigan Legislature is on spring recess and will return to Lansing the week of April 9.

Budgets Likely to Move After Spring Break

When legislators return from spring break the week of April 9, work to finalize the state's fiscal year 2025 budget will take center stage. Leading up to the break, Appropriations subcommittees held meetings to review the Governor's executive budget recommendation and hear from department directors and stakeholders. After the break, subcommittees are likely to approve their budget recommendations, sending them to the full Appropriations Committee as the next step in the process. The Legislature is statutorily required to send its budget bills to the Governor by July 1.





April Special Elections to Determine House Majority

Elections to fill two vacant seats in the House will be held April 16, determining which party will hold control of the chamber for the remainder of the year. The vacancies were the result of Democratic Representatives from House Districts 13 and 25 stepping down after winning their mayoral races. The representatives' departure created a 54-54 party split in the House beginning last November, although legislative rules have allowed the Democrats to retain control.

On the ballot for the Democratic-leaning districts 13 and 25 are Mai Xiong (D) and Ronald Singer (R), and Peter Herzberg (D) and Josh Powell (R), respectively. The winners will serve the remainder of the term and may run for reelection in November. Both Democrats are favorably expected to win; should this occur, the Democrats will return to their 56-54 majority in the House.