

U.S. Supreme Court to hear arguments over Alabama's Congressional map

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments Tuesday morning in a lawsuit alleging the Alabama map of congressional districts improperly dilutes the voting power of Black voters in the state.

The high court ordered the hearing after Alabama appealed the ruling of a three-judge panel.

That panel agreed with the plaintiffs in the case and directed the Alabama Legislature to redraw the seven-district map to include two majority Black districts or two near-majority Black districts. The panel had directed the maps to be redrawn in time for Alabama's primary election in May.

But the State of Alabama appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The district court had pointed out that the previous map had been drawn in a week by the Alabama Legislature and assigned experts to help redraw the map if the Legislature failed to do so.

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