

## Brooks Pierce Capital Dispatch: Updates from the NC General Assembly and Governor's Office, February 25, 2022

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Candidate filing in North Carolina opened this week now that a state court panel has approved legislative district maps and redrawn the congressional district map. The primary election will be on May 17.

### **Trial Judges Act on Election District Maps**

On Wednesday, a state court three-judge panel acted on election district maps recently sent to it by the General Assembly. The panel approved the districts for the NC House and NC Senate but redrew the congressional district map.

Here are links to the new legislative district maps:

NC Senate (S 744)—approved on a 67-52 House vote and 26-19 Senate vote

- [New map with incumbents](#)

NC House (H 980)—approved on a 115-5 House vote and a 41-3 Senate vote

- [New map with incumbents](#)

A link to the new congressional district map that will be used only for 2022 can be accessed [here](#).

Although candidate filing, including for Congress, opened this week, it is possible that opponents of the new congressional map will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The outcome of that appeal could impact this map.

### **Legislators May Soon Consider Pending Bills**

Now that election maps have been set, the General Assembly may meet in early March to complete some unfinished business. This includes possible votes on bills vetoed by the Governor and technical corrections to the 2021 budget law. Once they do this work, legislators could adjourn until the even-numbered year “short” session, which may start soon after the May 17 primary. Items that could be considered then include adjustments to the 2021 budget law, sports betting, and Medicaid expansion and health care coverage.

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