

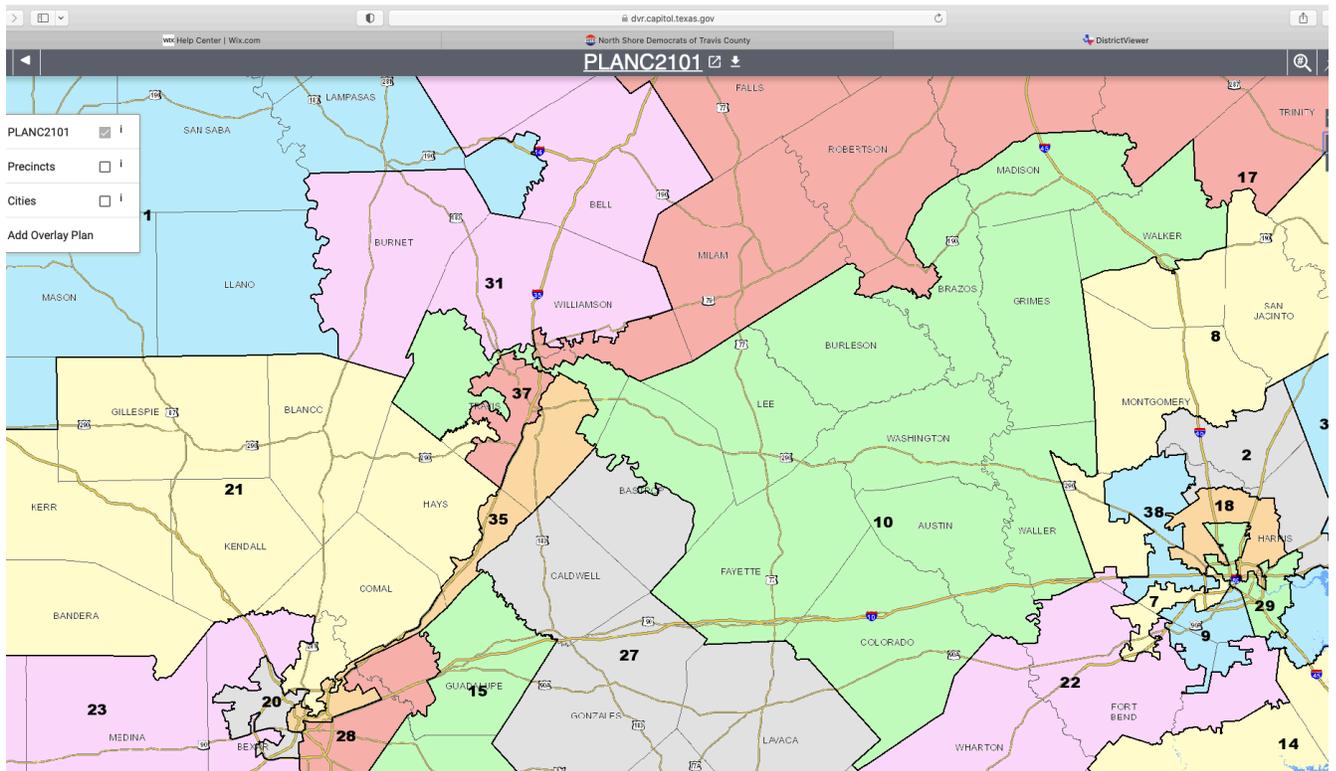
Once more, we're dealing with unfair and gerrymandered maps! But we can prevail!

On October 25, 2021, Gov. Abbott signed off on new maps drawn by the Republican-controlled redistricting committees. These maps are designed to protect GOP majorities while diluting the voices of voters of color, and of Democrats in general. All three of our legislative districts have changed and all three have Republican incumbents. The new districts take effect in January, 2023 and we have Democratic candidates who are challenging the Republican incumbents in the 2022 elections.

OUR NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

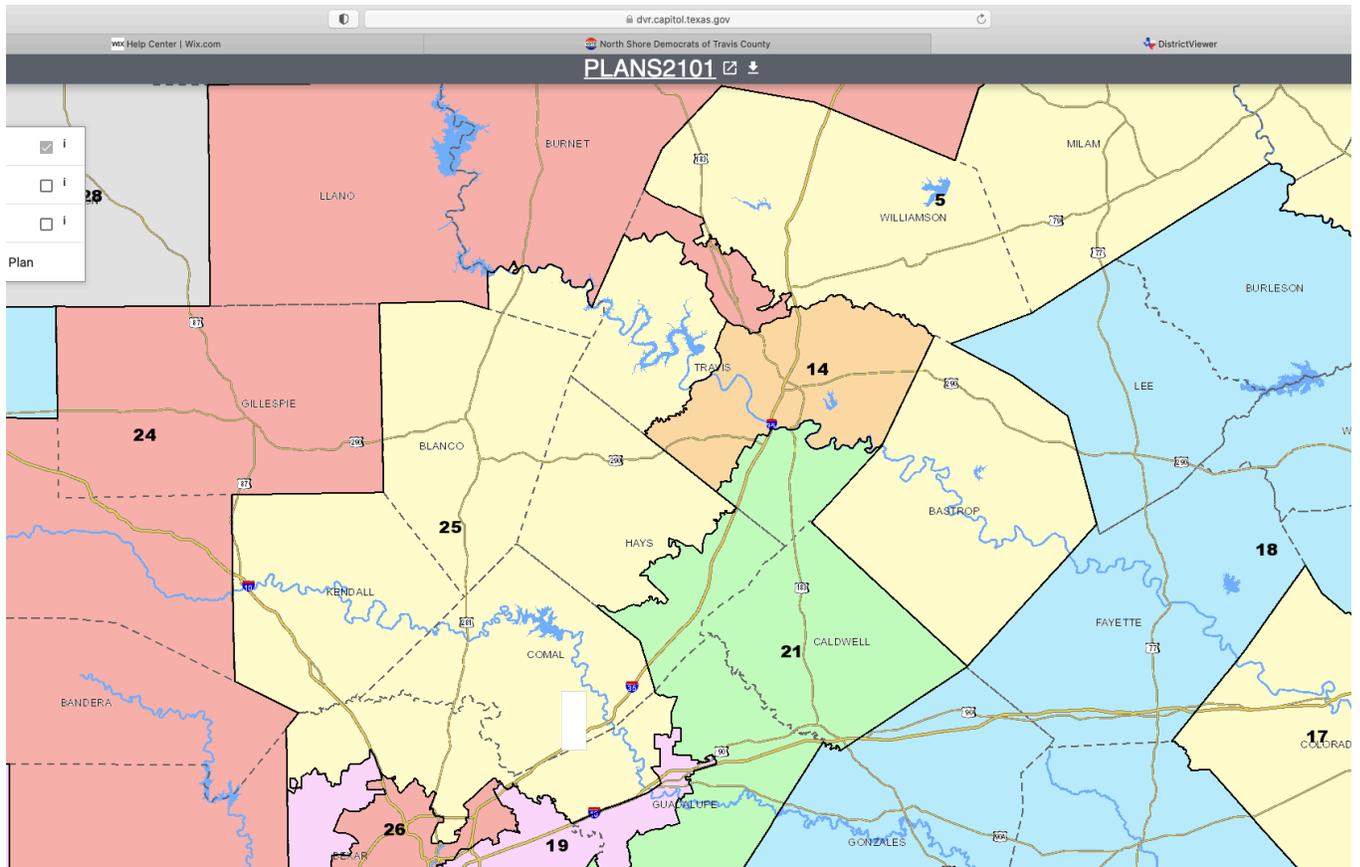
U.S. Congressional District #10

Travis County remains “cracked” into four Congressional Districts. The northwest corner of Travis is being shifted from Rep Roger Williams’ district (#25) to another Republican district #10 (green on the map) which stretches all the way east to the Houston suburbs. It’s a ridiculous looking district with a tiny neck that connects our part of Travis to a huge batch of rural white Republican counties to the east. The current incumbent of district #10 is U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul (R). A Democrat, Linda Nuno, will challenge him in the November general election.



Texas State Senate District #25

The new map redraws the lines for Democratic Senator Sarah Eckhardt's district to exclude us, and puts us into Republican district #25 (yellow on the map). The good news is that we are reunited in the same district as Lakeway with its very active Democratic constituency. The bad news is that the current incumbent of district 25 is Republican Senator Donna Campbell. A Democratic challenger, Robert Walsh, will try to unseat her in November.

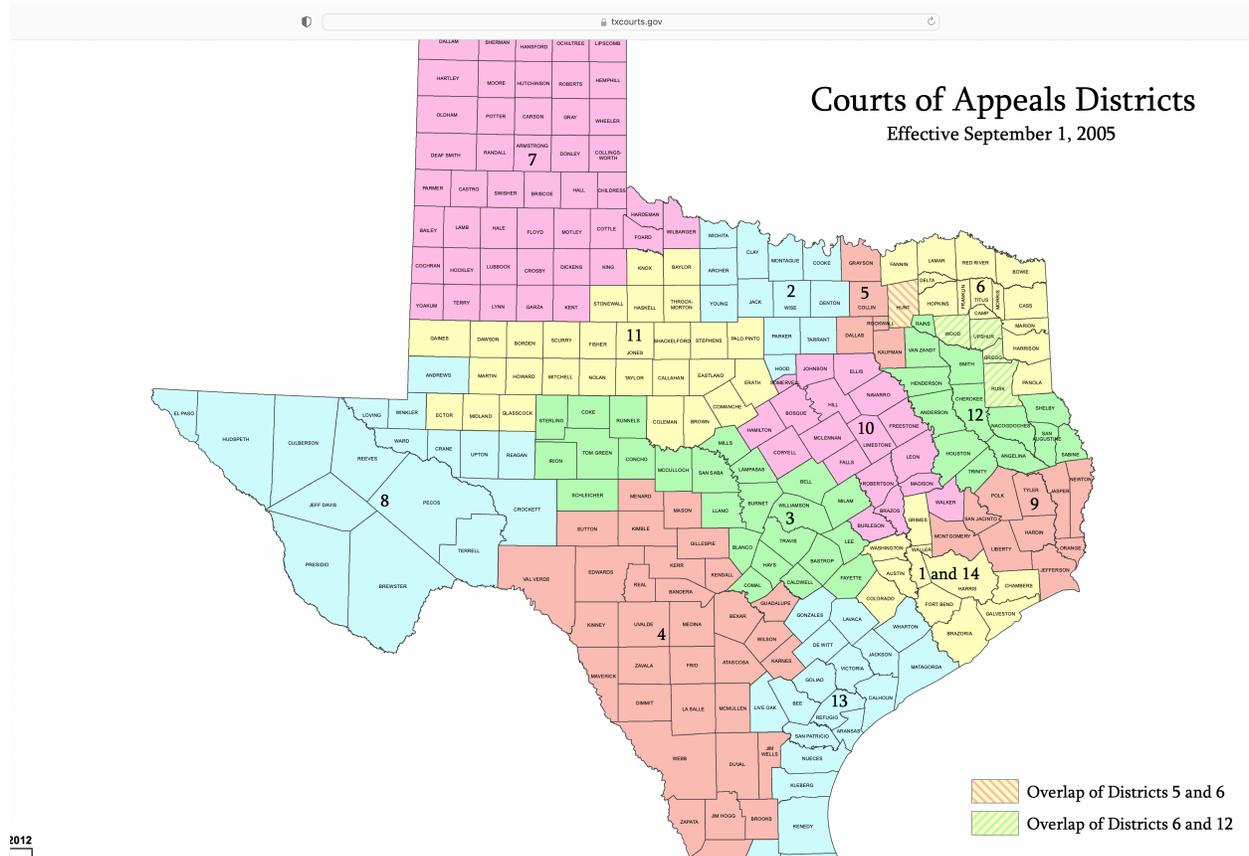


New Texas State House District #19

Travis County will go from six House districts to seven. Northwest Travis has been sectioned off and added to a multi-county district (in blue below) that includes Burnet, Blanco, Kendall, and Gillespie Counties. Sadly we lose our current rep, Vikki Goodwin (D). The seat is up for grabs in 2022. There are several Republicans competing for the position in the Primary, but only one Democratic challenger. Pam Baggett is running unopposed in the Democratic primary and will face the Republican primary winner in the general election.

Third Court of Appeals

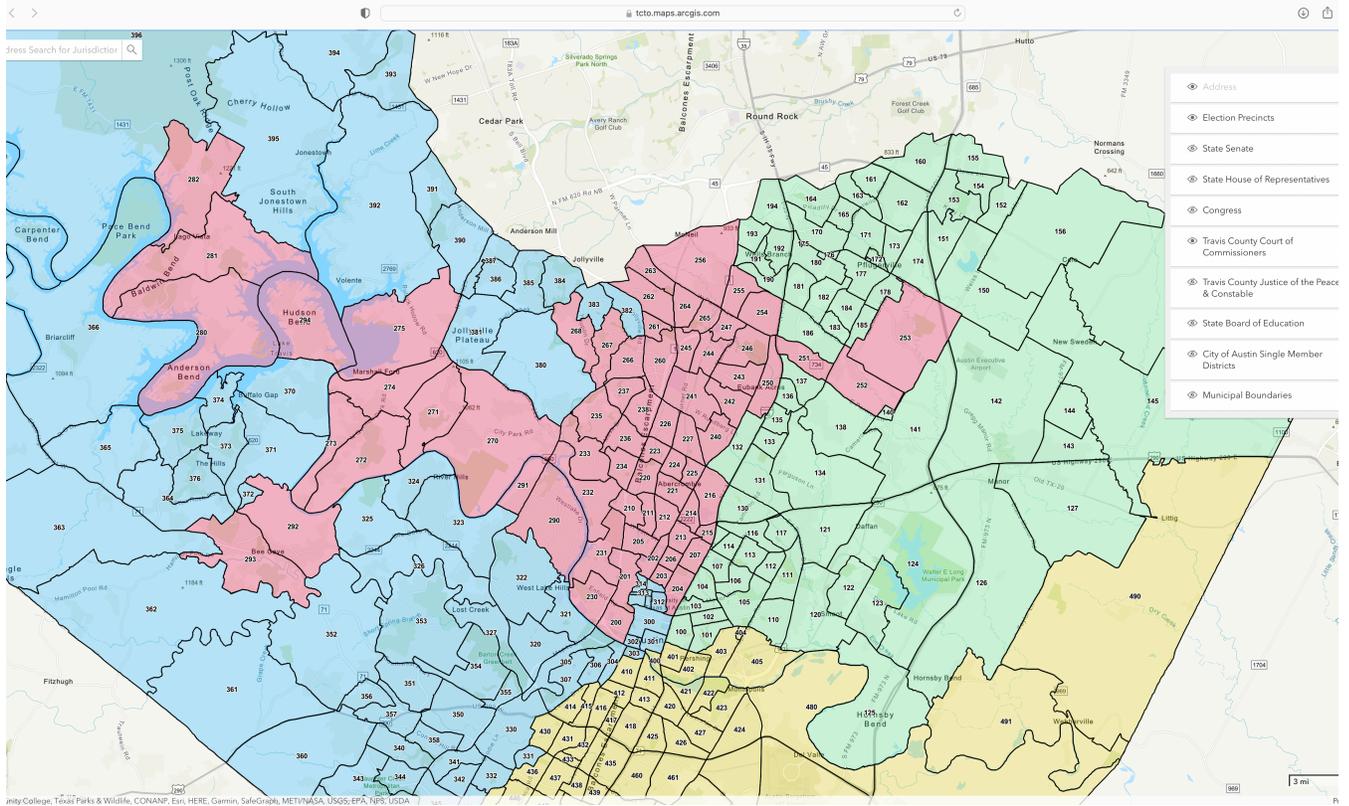
This court appears to be unaffected by redistricting. This court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases appealed by the twenty-four counties (in green in the middle of the state) that make up its district.



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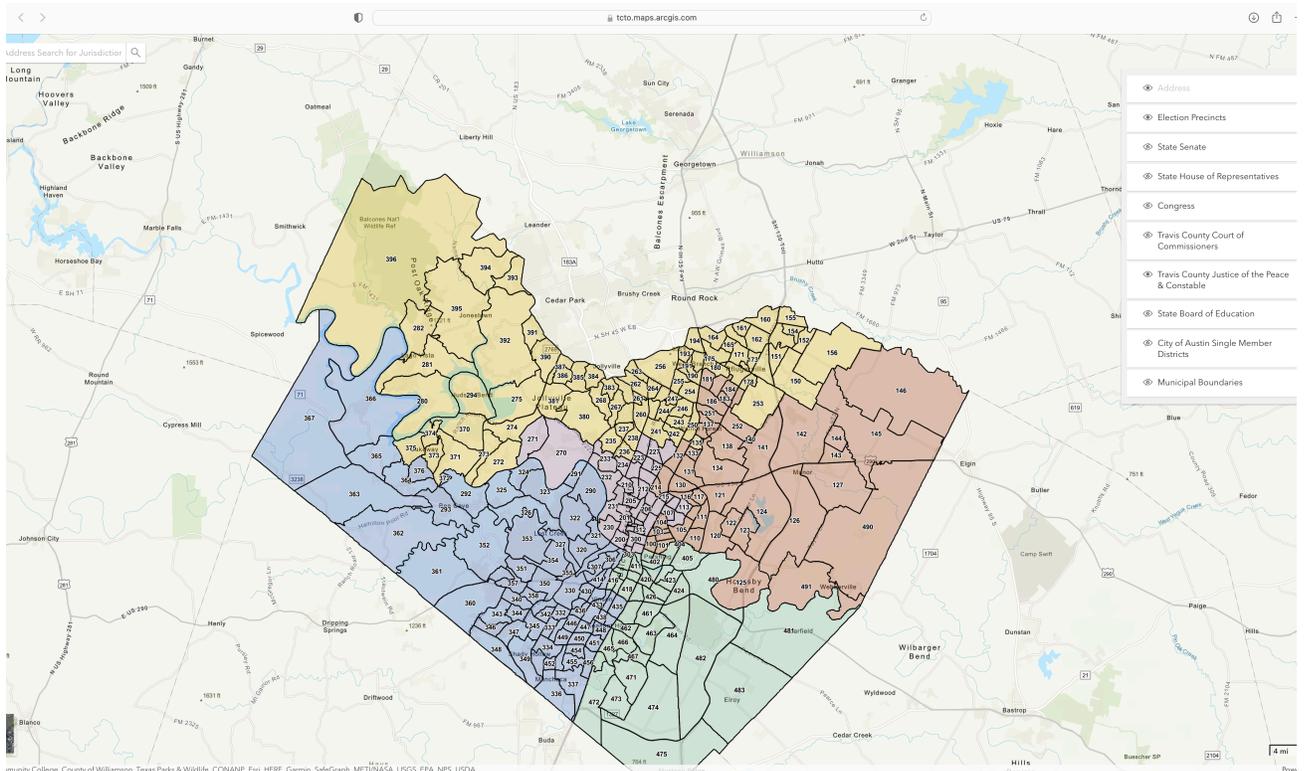
Travis County Commissioners' Court District #2

Redistricting has shifted us from Commissioners' Court District #3 to District #2 (pink in map below), whose Democratic incumbent, Brigid Shea, is running for reelection. The reconfigured district resembles a seated figure with Lago Vista in the head. Unfortunately we no longer share the district with Jonestown or Lakeway, however we do share it with Bee Cave which is included in the out-stretched right hand of the figure.



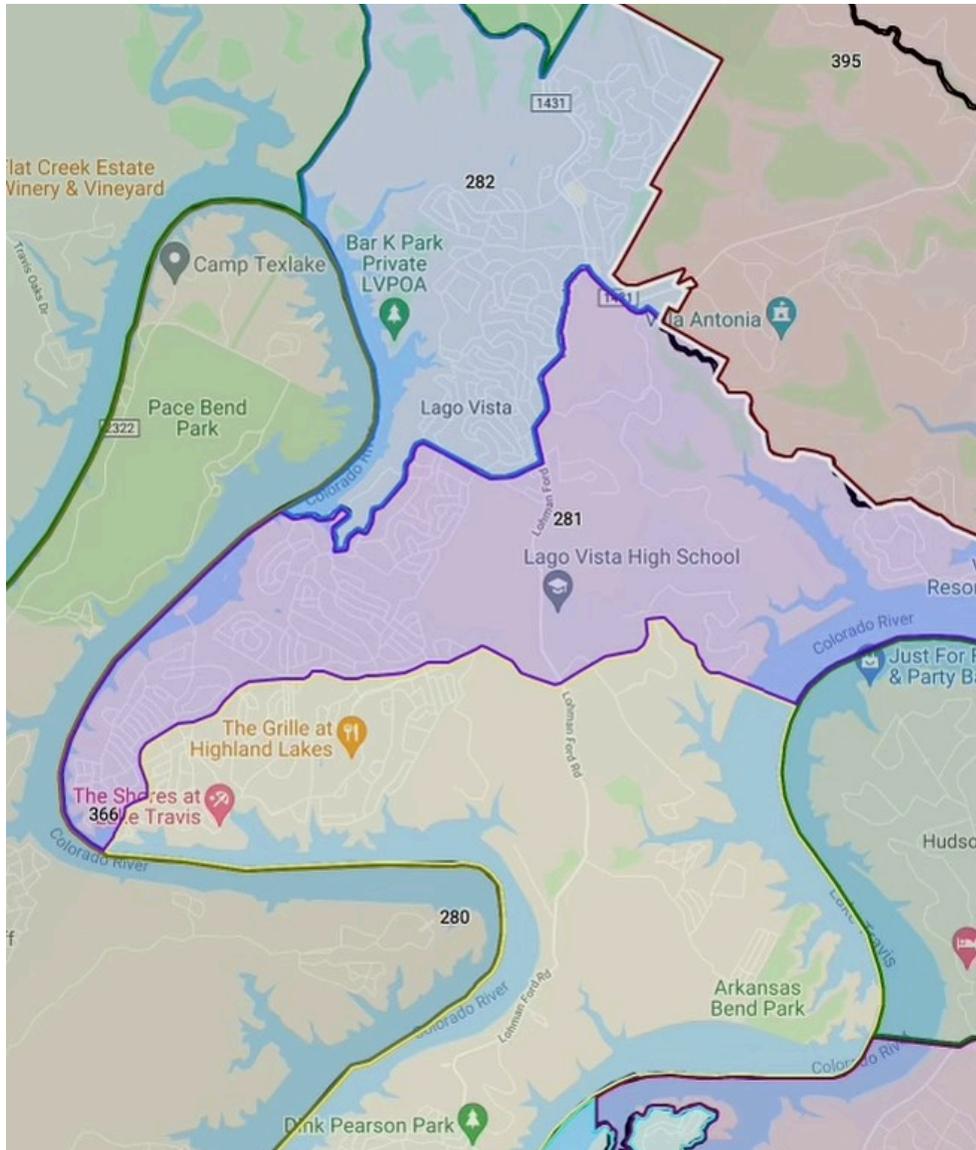
Travis County Justice of the Peace & Constable Precinct #2

The map for the JOP precincts looks to be relatively unchanged by redistricting. We're still in JOP Precinct #2 (tan) with Lakeway, Jonestown, Well Branch, and Pflugerville. Incumbents are not up for election until 2024.



Lago Vista Election Precincts

Lago Vista is going from two precincts (371, 373) to three precincts: 280 in the south (up to Boggy Ford Road), 281 in the middle (roughly Boggy Ford up to Dawn Drive), and 282 (from Dawn Drive north to the 1431 and a little beyond in places. Doug Mellen, Chair of precinct 373 (old) and 280 (new), Marie Diemer, Chair of new precinct 281, and Anne Ochoa, Chair of precinct 371 (old) and 282 (new) are active members of NSD.



In Closing

The new legislative districts will definitely work against us in upcoming elections. Each of the 3 legislative district maps groups us with large populations of Republican voters. And it's unlikely the courts will intervene on our behalf. (They tend to go after the more obvious cases of minority gerrymandering.) So we are stuck with these maps for the next 10 years.

But we can turn the situation around. We've done it before and we can do it again. We need to register every Democrat we can find. And launch Get Out The Vote efforts for every election. So don't give up. Keep the faith! We can still turn Texas blue!

