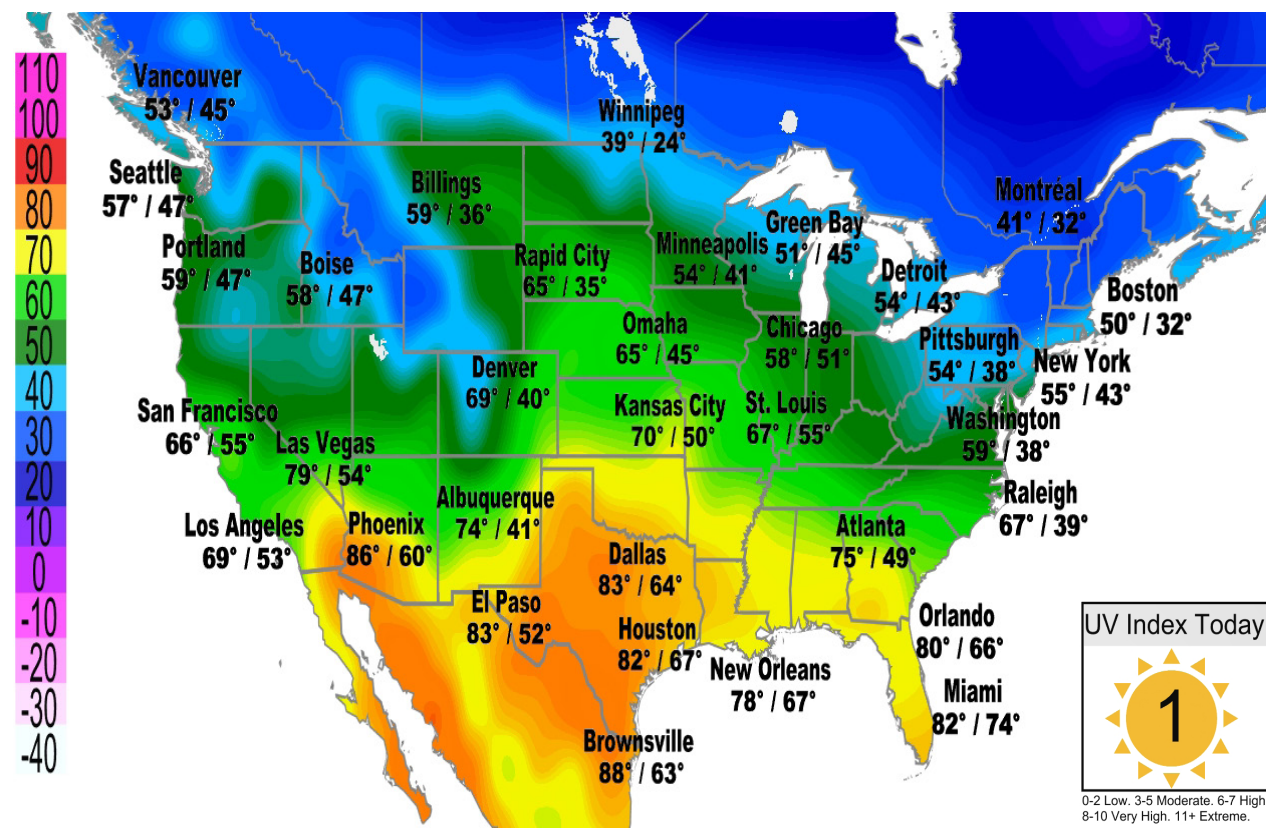
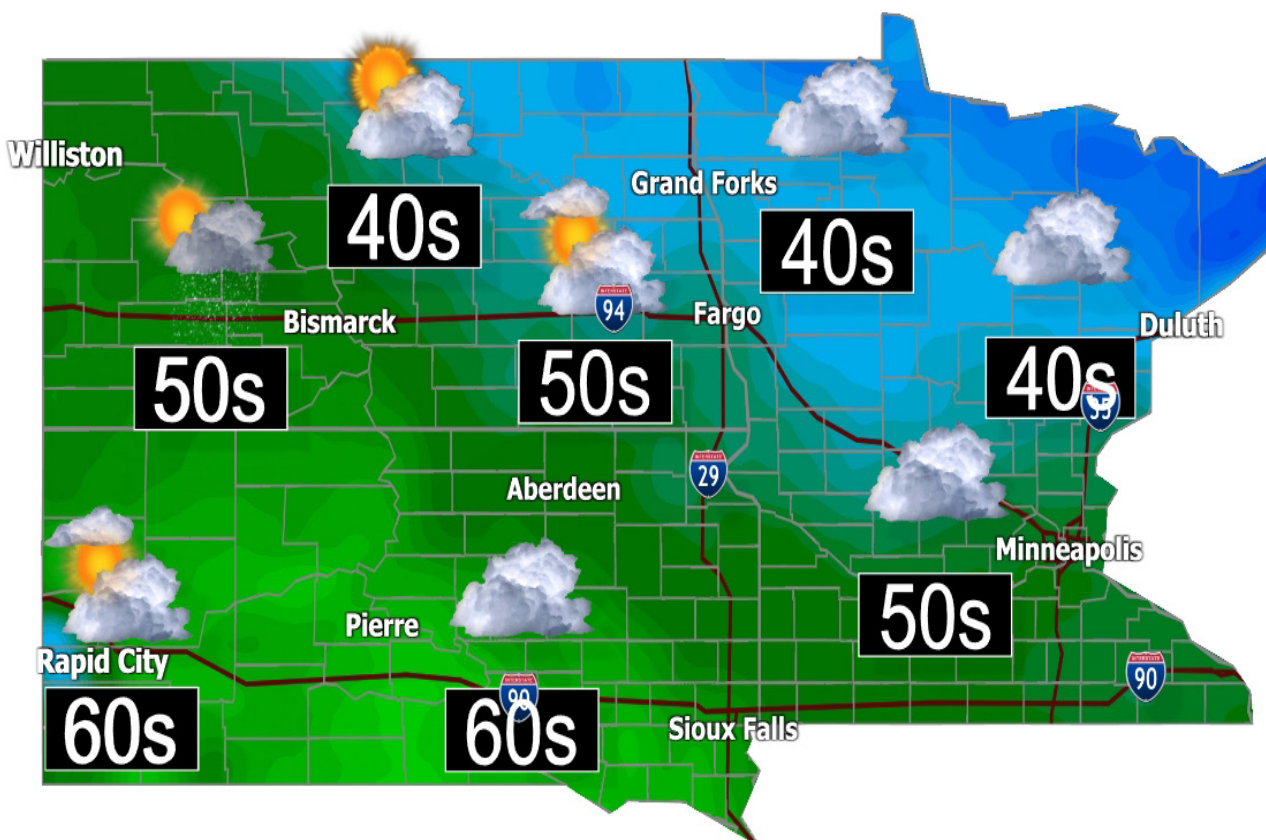
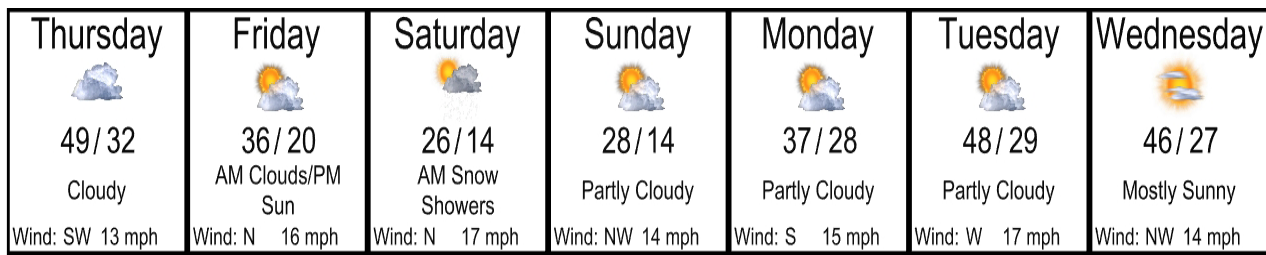


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	Fargo	52 35 36 24
	Medora	61 33 48 29
	Minot	52 27 36 21
	Williston	59 32 38 24
Minnesota	Today	Tomorrow
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	Duluth	46 37 41 24
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— including those in the 8th Circuit — consider engaging in mid-decade redistricting efforts.” President Donald Trump has called on states to redraw voting maps ahead of the 2026 election. States typically redistrict after each U.S. Census, which is conducted at the beginning of each decade.

Along with Minnesota, a group of 21 states and Washington, D.C., also penned a brief in support of the Supreme Court hearing the case.

The states have a strong interest in protecting voter rights, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison wrote in the brief. Private parties have been critical in driving Voting Rights Act litigation, he said, noting private enforcement “holds elected officials accountable for racially discriminatory election practices.”

“Private enforcement of the VRA is critical because private plaintiffs are best suited to vindicate their own voting rights,” Ellison wrote. “Their opportunity to do so should not depend on government resources, priorities or discretion.”

A group of 10 current and former

congressmembers, which include sitting U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Texas, called the appeals court's interpretation of the law "a profound error worthy of" Supreme Court review. Congress intended for private citizens and parties to have the right to file a Voting Rights lawsuit, they said in their brief.

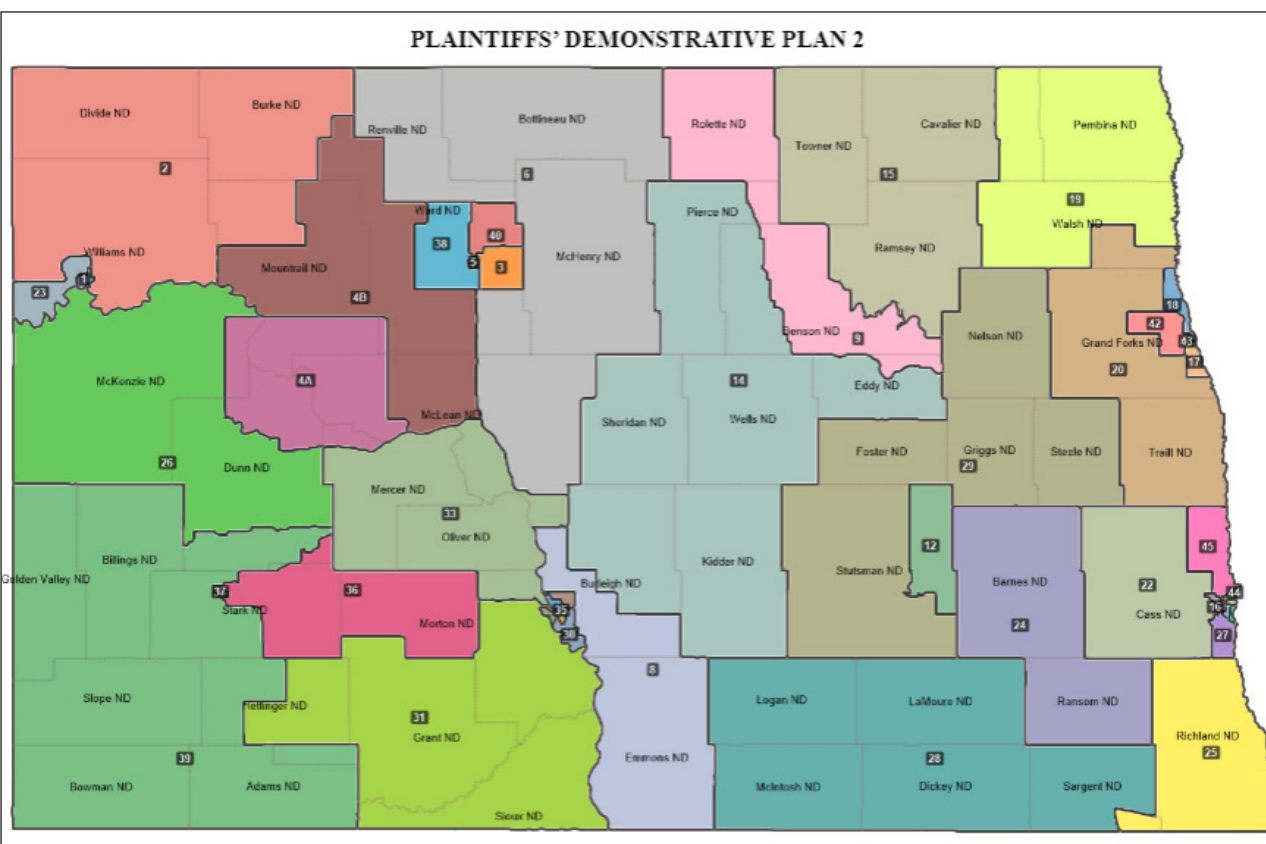
Other groups that filed briefs of support include the American Jewish Committee, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the Voting Rights Historicalians.

What's at issue

The case centers around a 2021 North Dakota legislative district map. The Legislature extended District 9, which contains the Turtle Mountain Reservation, to the east and split it into two subdistricts.

Each subdistrict got one House member instead of the district voting as a whole for two representatives.

Turtle Mountain voters were packed into District 9A, while some Native American voters were put into the largely white majority District 9B, the tribes argued. Spirit Lake also was put into District 15, which diluted that reservation's vote in favor of



This legislative district map was drawn by the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the state. North Dakota officials have been ordered by federal Judge Peter Welte to adopt the map.

white residents, the tribes said.

After a four-day civil trial in 2023, North Dakota U.S. District Judge Peter Welte ruled the Legislature's map did not give Native American voters an "equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice." Welte adopted a map drawn by Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain, which drew

the two reservations into one district and was used in the 2024 election.

In a 2-1 decision, the appeals court reversed Welte's decision in May. Instead of ruling on whether North Dakota violated the Voting Rights Act, the three-judge panel said the Justice Department, not private parties or citizens, can file a Voting Rights lawsuit.

The appeals court ruling deviates from other appeals courts and “decades of practice across the country,” the tribes said in their request to the Supreme Court to hear the case. “Everywhere else in the nation, private plaintiffs can rely on an unbroken line of Supreme Court and circuit precedent to enforce the

individual rights given to them by Congress in the Voting Rights Act," the tribes' attorneys wrote in their brief.

The Supreme Court has not addressed the issue of who has the right to file Voting Rights lawsuits. It stopped the appeals court ruling from going into effect until it decides whether to hear the case.

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