

Indiana Republicans vote down redistricting plan

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s Republican-led Senate decisively rejected a redrawn congressional map Thursday that would have favored their party, defying months of pressure from President Donald Trump and delivering a stark setback to the White House ahead of next year’s midterm elections.

The vote was overwhelmingly against the proposed redistricting, with more Republicans opposing than supporting the measure, signaling the limits of Trump’s influence even in one of the country’s most conservative states.

Trump has been urging Republicans nationwide to redraw their

congressional maps in an unusual campaign to help the party maintain its thin majority in the House of Representatives. Although Texas, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina went along, Indiana did not — despite cajoling and insults from the president and the possibility of primary challenges.

“The federal government should not dictate by threat or other means what should happen in our states,” said Spencer Deery, one of the Republican senators who voted no on Thursday.

When the proposal failed 31-19, cheers could be heard inside the chamber as well as shouts of “thank you!”

The debate had been shadowed by the possibility of violence, and some lawmakers have received threats.

Trump tried to brush off the defeat, telling reporters in the Oval Office that he “wasn’t working on it very hard” despite his personal involvement in the pressure campaign.

Republicans could have erased two Democratic districts

The proposed map was designed to give

Republicans control of all nine of Indiana’s congressional seats, up from the seven they currently hold. It would have effectively erased Indiana’s two Democrat-held districts by splitting Indianapolis among four districts that extend into rural areas, reshaping U.S. Rep. André Carson’s safe district in the city. It would have also eliminated the northwest Indiana district held by U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan.

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with a gross weight of 15,000 pounds or less. “The ones that have the higher gross weights, they will stay on,” Louk said, adding that most of the heavier trailers are commercial.

LOUK NOTED that for 2025, the new law will make a difference of about \$84,000 less for Allen County. This includes cities, townships, and the county government.

“Those funds have to come from somewhere,” Louk explained, noting that local governments may now need to adjust their mill levies — the rates applied per \$1,000 of assessed property value — to recoup lost revenue. Allen County currently levies 59.559 mills.

“In exempting these personal property items, you’re just shifting the burden.”

HOUSE BILL 2231 includes several other tax relief measures beyond property exemptions. These include an additional \$2,320 personal exemption for head-of-household filers and a matching increase in exemptions for disabled veterans which began in the 2024 tax year. Corporate tax changes included in the bill are set to take effect after 2026 and could adjust how multi-state companies calculate income taxes.

The county appraiser’s office will notify affected taxpayers directly. Louk said she plans to send letters informing personal property owners of the new exemptions. She will also send questionnaires to owners of heavier trailers to verify which remain taxable so she doesn’t accidentally leave something on that shouldn’t be exempted.

She noted that another recent change — reducing the penalty for failing to file personal property forms — has already made the process easier. The penalty dropped from 50% to a maximum of 12.5%. “Lowering that penalty I thought was great,” Louk said. An-

nual filing for personal property is no longer required unless something has changed.

Though the exemptions will reduce taxes for many residents, Louk noted that the broader challenge remains: balancing revenue needs without disproportionately burdening any group.

“It’s not solving the overall issue,” she said, of balancing the county’s budget.

“We’ll still have to pay taxes, but maybe just not on these specific things.”

Public notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN PECK, deceased
Case No. AL-2025-PR-000045

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Jeff Peck, surviving spouse of Shirley Ann Peck, deceased, requesting that descent be determined of all Kansas real estate and personal property owned by the decedent at the time of her death and subject to probate, including the following property: **Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block 80, City of Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof;**


and that all such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court of Allen County, Kansas, 1 N. Washington Ave., Iola, KS 66749, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Jeff Peck, Petitioner

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