

A legislative redistricting bill has breezed through the House and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Legislative leaders removed many of the partisan overtones that had been in previous proposals, a move that led to broader support among rank-and-file lawmakers of both parties.

The House passed the bill 83-17 Wednesday morning. The Senate is expected to rush the measure to a vote on Friday.

Lawmakers are working fast to complete redistricting because a three-judge panel is closely watching their efforts and is poised to step in if lawmakers fail to resolve the matter.

Redistricting is undertaken every 10 years to account for population changes recorded by the Census Bureau. Kentucky had major population shifts between 2000 and 2010, requiring reconfiguration of legislative districts in both the House and Senate.