**Kentucky Least Change**

This map makes minor changes to Kentucky’s existing map while adhering to statutory and Constitutional requirements including equal population distribution. In total, five counties are split, which gives Kentucky one fewer split county that the state’s current map.

Jefferson County, around Louisville, remains split, as does Jessamine County and Harrison County. Unlike the current map, this proposed map opts to split Rowan County and Daviess County (current map splits Boyd, Washington, and Spencer). Four entire counties shift under this proposed map—Lee County, Green County, Butler County, and Scott County—to account for population changes. Jefferson County’s split remains very similar between maps. Unsurprisingly, this map splits 5R, 1D as does the current map, suggesting that the minor changes made under this map will not affect the state’s political representation.

One major consideration in drawing this map was the balance between preservation, which clearly is an integral consideration in a “least change” map, and minimizing political splits. Since Kentucky’s current map contains a significant number of splits and population changes enable us to reduce them, it seemed worthwhile to made slight adjustments to the current map that would also improve good governance metrics.