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Is redistricting with privatized data fair?

I reside within walking distance of the boundary between two Maryland congressional districts. One district is a majority-minority district. The other is a majority-majority district.

As I understand Differential Privacy, whether or not P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data have been privatized, can influence which congressional district my census block is drawn into.

Will redistricting with privatized data put my household in a different congressional district than redistricting with a P.L. 94-171 data product created without Differential Privacy?

When redistricting is carried out with respect for existing districts, how can use of privatized redistricting data be fair? The probability that any census block will be drawn into a different congressional district is not equal.

Some elections are decided by one vote.

Director Dillingham, please write a paper explaining how redistricting and Voting Rights Act enforcement can be fair when privatized P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data are used.