

Supreme Court hands defeat to North Carolina GOP in election law clash

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The majority decision, which united the court's three liberals with Chief Justice John Roberts and two conservative justices, preserves the ability for state courts to hear partisan gerrymandering lawsuits.

WASHINGTON, DC - The Supreme Court on Tuesday in a 6-3 decision rejected a bid to give state legislatures sweeping authority in drawing congressional maps and regulating federal elections, declining to endorse the so-called "independent state legislature" theory.

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