Gerrymandering: Federal courts have no role in partisan mapping. Florida is cited as a model.

The decision will have an impact on several states, including North Carolina and Maryland, where partisans brought the legal challenges. But in Florida, the effects are more limited.

That’s because unlike some other states, the Florida Constitution already has written rules prohibiting any redistricting “drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent.” I don’t think it’s going to change anything,” said Ellenapiro Cato, who led the 2010 Fair Districts citizens initiative to add that rule to the state Constitution.

In 2012, Florida courts overruled the 2010 Fair Districts citizens initiative to prohibit any redistricting “drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent.”

Census: No citizenship question will be added. President Trump now wants to delay the count.

The Trump administration launched a significant lawsuit Thursday in an effort to put a citizenship question on the 2020 U.S. Census. That’s critical to estimating funding and representation levels throughout the country. Rather than furthering its inclusion, the department’s explanation “was more of a distraction,” justices said in a 5-4 decision.

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts joined the bench’s four liberals in the majority. The case is now returned to a lower court.

Time is running out. The Census Bureau has long planned to finalize its questionnaires as early as next week. It’s not clear if there will be a chance to argue them to the Supreme Court.

TODAY’S WEATHER

The sun sets Wednesday off St. Pete Beach. Dust blown here from across the Atlantic is having an impact on our hurricane season.

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Border divides Democrats, Trump

The president’s get-tough policies contrast with candidates’ calls for compassion.

Round 2 debates

To see how far the candidates for Florida’s closest presidential contest have traveled, watch Thursday night’s Democratic debate. The debate is sponsored by Miami Herald and The Tampa Bay Times.

Crisis bill approved

The $8 billion for emergency funds at the bor-der was not necessary, the senator said.