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ALL EYES ON McINTOSH, BURTON, MESSER

All eyes are on David McIntosh, Luke Messer and U.S. Rep. Dan Burton with the release of the proposed new Indiana Congressional and legislative maps that were unveiled in the House and Senate Statehouse chambers Monday, considerably altering the political dynamic for the coming decade (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Former congressman McIntosh has a mailing address in Madison County, which is now in U.S. Rep. Dan Burton's 5th CD. But he used to live in Muncie, which would put him in the new 6th CD that Pence is expected to vacate to run for governor. Burton barely fended off a challenge from former state legislator Luke Messer in 2010. Messer, who lives in Shelbyville, finds himself in Rep. Pence's 6th CD. Messer is a former aide to McIntosh when he represented that district and his Indiana House district included Shelby, Bartholomew and Decatur counties. "I think it would be a good district for Luke," said campaign consultant Jennifer Hallowell. Derek Gianino, an aide to McIntosh, said the former congressman is reviewing the new maps. Burton has not announced whether he would seek another term after polling an anemic 29 percent in 2010, defeating Messer in the GOP primary by just 2,000 votes. He heads into the 2012 election cycle as the most vulnerable Indiana Member. U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita is living outside of the proposed 4th CD, but quickly said he will seek reelection in the new district that runs from Morgan and Hendricks counties to the south up to Newton and Jasper counties and including the Lafayette area. "Undoing the obnoxious gerrymander of a decade ago is a real challenge," said Rokita, who as secretary of state ignited the Rethinking Redistricting campaign that appears to have greatly influenced the new maps. He would reside in the same district as Rep. Andre Carson. "While I am still reviewing the maps, I absolutely will be running for re-election in the 4th Congressional district. In fact, this week I will be filing my first quarter fund raising report with the FEC which will show that I have over \$374,000 cash on hand." The biggest Congressional loser could be - U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly - which was anticipated. Donnelly finds himself losing Kokomo and picking up portions of Republican redoubts Kosciusko County along with Wabash, Miami, Pulaski and Fulton Counties, making it much more Republican. He keeps part of LaPorte along with St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke and Marshall counties. Donnelly is weighing a U.S. Senate bid in 2012 and 2010 Republican nominee Jackie Walorski has already announced for the new 2nd CD. The new 6th CD likely to be vacated by Pence, runs from Delaware and Randolph counties south to the Ohio River. U.S. Rep. Todd Young's 9th CD occupies south central Indiana and includes his home of Bloomington. The 8th CD is mostly unchanged. U.S. Rep. Andre Carson loses much of Democratic Pike Township in Marion County, making it potentially more competitive now that it has the Republican southern tier of Marion County townships. His Center

Township base has lost population. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton's new 5th CD includes the northern Marion County townships, Hamilton, Marion, Tipton, Grand and part of Blackford counties.