

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF OHIO, *et al.*,

*Relators,*

v.

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COMMISSION, *et al.*,

*Respondents.*

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# Members Brief

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## Redistricting in Ohio

Every ten years, Ohio must adopt new district maps for the purpose of electing members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio House of Representatives. This brief provides an overview of redistricting in Ohio, compares the separate constitutional processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting, explains some essential district-drawing concepts, and summarizes several landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings concerning redistricting.

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### Redistricting basics

Ohio elects its members of the U.S. House of Representatives, its state senators, and its state representatives from districts with roughly equal populations, giving each person's vote the same amount of influence. Every ten years, Ohio must redraw its congressional and General Assembly districts based on the latest population data from the U.S. Census in order to maintain population equality between districts and, in some cases, to change the number of congressional districts to match the new number of representatives to which Ohio is entitled.



Congressional Districts  
2011-2021

The Census Bureau releases new population data for redistricting purposes by April 1 of each year ending in 1 (such as 2021), and the Ohio Constitution provides deadlines in the fall of that year to adopt new district maps based on the data. The new maps must be in place in time to nominate congressional and General Assembly candidates in the primary election held the next year. When that year is a



presidential election year, candidates must file their papers based on the new district map as early as mid-December of the year ending in 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Redistricting processes at a glance

The state uses two separate processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting. The voters approved a constitutional amendment implementing a new General Assembly redistricting process in November 2015, and a separate constitutional amendment prescribing a new congressional redistricting process in May 2018. The following table compares several major aspects of the processes. For detailed explanations of the General Assembly and congressional redistricting procedures, please see LSC's final analyses of H.J.R. 12 of the 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and S.J.R. 5 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, respectively.

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
<b>Who draws the districts</b>	
Ohio Redistricting Commission	General Assembly
<b>Required bipartisan vote</b>	
Four of seven members of the Commission, including at least two members who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly	¾ of the members of each chamber of the General Assembly, including at least ½ of the members of each of the two largest political parties represented in the chamber
<b>Deadline to adopt a plan</b>	
September 1 of a year ending in 1	September 30 of a year ending in 1
<b>Impasse procedure</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The deadline is extended to September 15.</li> <li>▪ If the Commission adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, the plan must be replaced after four years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Ohio Redistricting Commission must adopt a plan by a bipartisan vote by October 31.</li> <li>▪ If the Commission fails to do so, the General Assembly must adopt a plan by November 30.</li> <li>▪ If the General Assembly adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, it must follow</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> 13 U.S.C. 141(c); Ohio Constitution, Articles XI and XIX (effective January 1, 2021); and R.C. 3513.05. Ohio's current district maps are available from the Ohio Secretary of State here. The Bureau has asked Congress to extend the redistricting data delivery deadline to July 31, 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. U.S. Census Bureau, *U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham Statement on 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19* (April 13, 2020).

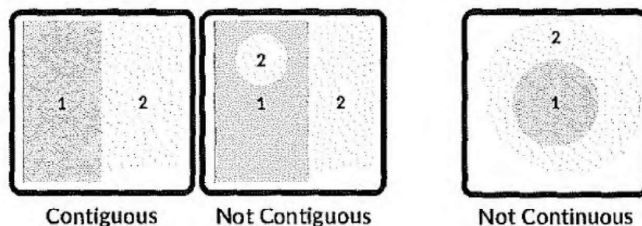
General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
	additional district standards, described below, and the plan must be replaced after four years.
<p><b>Population equality between districts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District populations must be substantially equal.</li> <li>▪ No district may contain a population of less than 95% or more than 105% of the ideal district population.</li> </ul>	<p>Not specified (see "<b>Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases,</b>" below)</p>
<p><b>District standards considered</b></p> <p>Mandatory standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contiguity</li> <li>▪ Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line</li> <li>▪ Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure</li> <li>▪ Each Senate district must consist of three contiguous House districts</li> </ul> <p>Standards the Commission must attempt to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.</li> <li>▪ The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.</li> <li>▪ Districts must be compact.</li> </ul>	<p>General standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contiguity</li> <li>▪ Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line</li> <li>▪ Compactness</li> <li>▪ Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure</li> </ul> <p>Standards the General Assembly must follow if it does not pass the plan by the required bipartisan vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents.</li> <li>▪ The plan must not unduly split governmental units, giving preference to keeping whole, in the order named, counties, then townships and municipal corporations.</li> <li>▪ The General Assembly must attempt, but is not required, to draw districts that are compact.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legal challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge.</li> <li>▪ Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to amend the plan or adopt a new plan, as</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge.</li> <li>▪ Requires that, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional, the General</li> </ul>

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
<p>applicable, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits a court from ordering the implementation of a plan not approved by the Commission.</li> <li>Prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular plan or to draw a particular district.</li> <li>Prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards.</li> </ul>	<p>Assembly must adopt a new plan within 30 days after the appeal deadline expires or after the order is issued, if it is not appealable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to adopt a plan not later than 30 days after the General Assembly's deadline, if the General Assembly misses the deadline.</li> <li>Requires the new plan to remedy any legal defects, but to include no other changes.</li> </ul>

## District-drawing concepts

### Contiguity and continuous boundary lines

Every congressional and General Assembly district in Ohio must be contiguous, meaning that it is a single, unbroken shape, with no "islands" of territory that do not touch the rest of the district. Each district's boundary also must be a single nonintersecting continuous line. This standard prevents, for example, the creation of "donut" districts, with one district entirely surrounding another.<sup>2</sup>

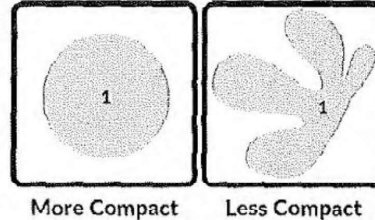


<sup>2</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(B)(3) and art. XIX, sec. 2(B)(3) (effective January 1, 2021).



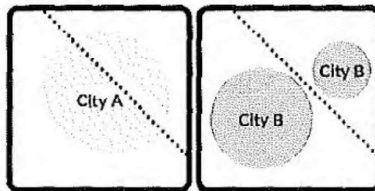
## Compactness

A district is considered compact if it has a minimal distance between all parts of its territory. Multiple methods exist to measure a district's compactness, such as calculating the total length of its perimeter (a shorter perimeter meaning a more compact district), or calculating the average distance between locations on the outer edges of the district and the center of the district (a shorter average distance meaning a more compact district).



Under the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to draw compact General Assembly districts, but it is not explicitly required to do so. On the other hand, congressional districts must be compact, except that under the modified district standards that apply if the General Assembly fails to pass a district plan by the required bipartisan vote, the legislature must attempt to draw compact districts, but is not required to.<sup>3</sup>

## Keeping political subdivisions whole

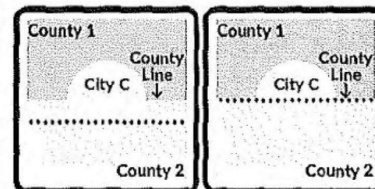


City A - Split

City B - Not Split

Ohio's congressional and General Assembly redistricting processes both place a priority on keeping counties, cities, villages, and townships together within one district. Splitting a political subdivision is necessary when, for example, its population exceeds the ideal district population. But, the Ohio Constitution includes procedures to minimize any unnecessary splitting.

Under both redistricting processes, a political subdivision is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district. If a political subdivision has an island of territory that does not touch the rest of the subdivision, putting the island in a different district is not considered splitting the political subdivision (see above). Further, if a city, village, or township has territory in more than one county, drawing the district line along the county line is not considered splitting the city, village, or township.<sup>4</sup>



City C - Split

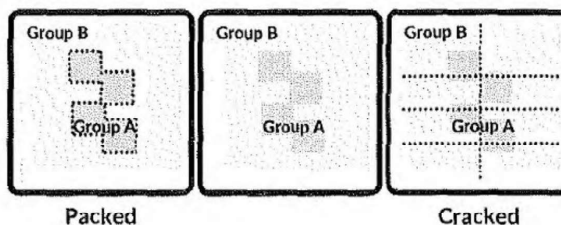
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<sup>3</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, secs. 1(F)(3)(c) and 2(B)(2) (effective January 1, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(D) and art. XIX, sec. 2(C) (effective January 1, 2021).

### Packing and cracking

Two district-drawing practices, commonly called packing and cracking, can give one group less influence than another. At one extreme, when a group is “packed” into a single district, it makes up a supermajority within the district, but is less able to influence the outcome of elections outside that district. Conversely, when a group is “cracked” among many districts, it makes up only a minority of the vote in each district, and is less able to influence the outcome of elections in any district. In some redistricting cases, packing and cracking have given rise to claims of unlawful gerrymandering (see “**Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases,**” below).



### Political considerations

The Ohio Constitution includes two separate standards for the inclusion of political considerations in the drawing of district maps. For a General Assembly district plan, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to adopt a plan (1) that is not drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party, and (2) in which the statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

For a congressional district map, the Ohio Constitution specifies that if, under the impasse procedure, the General Assembly passes a redistricting plan by a simple majority vote instead of by the required bipartisan vote, the plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents.<sup>5</sup>

### Majority-minority districts

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) prohibit any district plan from denying or abridging citizens’ right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group. The U.S. Supreme Court has developed a test to determine whether a district map dilutes minority voting strength in violation of the VRA by cracking a minority population among multiple districts, as described above. Essentially, the test examines whether (1) the minority group is “sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district,” (2) the minority group is “politically cohesive,” meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) “the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority’s preferred candidate.”<sup>6</sup>

In order to remedy a case of minority vote dilution, a court may require the adoption of a majority-minority district, in which a sufficient population of a minority group exists to allow the group to elect its candidate of choice. Currently, no court has expressly required Ohio to

<sup>5</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, sec. 1(C)(3)(a) and (F)(3)(a) (effective January 1, 2021).

<sup>6</sup> 52 United States Code 10301; *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50 (1986); and *Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 264 (1977).



create majority-minority congressional or General Assembly districts. A state may draw majority-minority districts voluntarily in order to remedy past discrimination. However, in some circumstances, the courts have overturned plans that included voluntarily created majority-minority districts because creating those districts amounted to unconstitutional racial gerrymandering.<sup>7</sup>

### **Other common concepts**

The Ohio Redistricting Commission and the General Assembly might consider other district-drawing concepts in creating district maps, so long as the constitutional requirements are met. For example, some states use criteria such as preserving communities of interest in a single district or maintaining previous district lines to the extent feasible. The National Conference of State Legislatures offers several useful references on these topics, including a 50-state survey of redistricting criteria and *The Redistricting Glossary*.<sup>8</sup>

### **Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases**

The following cases represent a sample of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings on congressional and state legislative redistricting. This list is intended to provide a basic foundation for understanding some of the legal discussions surrounding redistricting. However, the list is not exhaustive, and it does not include later rulings that have added nuance to these decisions.

#### **Population equality**

- *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1 (1964) – Held that the population of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal as practicable.
- *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964) – Specified that the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment requires states to draw legislative districts that are substantially equal in population.
- *Karcher v. Daggett*, 462 U.S. 725 (1983) – Held that congressional districts must be mathematically equal in population, except as necessary to achieve a legitimate state objective.

#### **Racial and language minorities**

- *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986) – Held that the VRA requires that a majority-minority district be drawn to remedy minority vote dilution if (1) the racial or language minority group is “sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district,” (2) the minority group is “politically cohesive,” meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) the “majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority’s preferred candidate.”

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<sup>7</sup> *Volnovich v. Qulter*, 507 U.S. 146 (1993); *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996); *Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899 (1996); and *Alabama Legislative Black Caucus v. Alabama*, 135 S.Ct. 1257 (2015).

<sup>8</sup> National Conference of State Legislatures, *NCSL’s Redistricting Webpages*.

- *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993) – Held that districts violate the Equal Protection Clause if they cannot be explained on grounds other than race.
- *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900 (1995) – Specified that a district is unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered if race is the “predominant” factor in drawing its lines.
- *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996) – Found that if race was the predominant factor in drawing a district, the district cannot be justified by the VRA unless there is a strong basis in evidence that drawing the district was reasonably necessary to avoid denying or abridging equal voting rights.

### **Partisan gerrymandering**

- *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S.Ct. 2484 (2019) – Found that partisan gerrymandering represents a political question on which the federal courts cannot rule because there is no credible way to define and measure fairness in the political context.



UPDATED VERSION\*

# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Final Analysis

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### Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12

130th General Assembly

(As Adopted by the General Assembly)

**Reps.** Huffman and Sykes, Amstutz, Anielski, Ashford, Baker, Brown, Burkley, Clyde, Duffey, Grossman, Hackett, C. Hagan, Hayes, Kunze, Letson, McClain, McGregor, Patmon, Scherer, Schuring, Stebelton, Wachtmann, Batchelder

**Sens.** Faber, Coley, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Eklund, Gardner, Gentile, Hite, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Sawyer, Schiavoni, Turner, Widener

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## RESOLUTION SUMMARY

### Ohio Redistricting Commission

- Replaces the Apportionment Board with the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and makes the Commission responsible for redistricting the state for the General Assembly.
- Specifies that the Commission consists of the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and four persons appointed by majority and minority leaders in the General Assembly.
- Requires the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, acting jointly by political party, to appoint a co-chairperson of the Commission.
- Requires the Governor to convene the Commission only in years ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts or the Commission must draw new districts following the expiration of a plan adopted under the proposal's impasse procedure.
- Prescribes procedural requirements for meetings of the Commission.

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\* This update notes the approval by voters and the effective date.



- Requires the General Assembly to make the appropriations it determines are necessary in order for the Commission to perform its duties.

#### **Method of selecting a district plan**

- Requires the Commission to adopt a district plan by a specified bipartisan vote of four members.
- Specifies that, if the Commission fails to adopt a final district plan not later than September 1, the Commission must introduce a district plan by a simple majority vote and must hold a public hearing on the plan.
- Requires the Commission, not later than September 15, to adopt a final district plan, either by the bipartisan vote described above or by a simple majority vote.
- Specifies that if the Commission adopts a plan by that bipartisan vote, the plan remains effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, unless a court convenes the Commission to redraw judicially invalidated districts.
- Provides generally that if the Commission adopts a plan by a simple majority vote, the plan remains effective until two general elections for the House of Representatives have occurred under the plan.
- Specifies that if, before a year ending in the numeral one, the Commission adopts another plan by a simple majority vote to replace a plan adopted under the impasse procedure, the newly adopted plan remains effective until a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is reconstituted and convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts.
- Requires a plan adopted by a simple majority vote to include a statement explaining what the Commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences.
- Allows a member of the Commission who does not vote in favor of the plan to submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning that statement.
- Requires, after a plan adopted by a simple majority vote ceases to be effective after two general elections for the House of Representatives, that the Commission convene not earlier than July 1 of the following year to adopt a new General



Assembly district plan using the same population and political subdivision boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan.

#### **District standards**

- Establishes new constitutional standards for the drawing of General Assembly districts.

#### **Legal challenges**

- Specifies that, if any section of the Constitution relating to redistricting, any General Assembly district plan, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Commission must be reconstituted and convene to adopt a district plan that conforms with the provisions of the Constitution that are then valid.
- Prohibits a court, in any circumstance, from ordering the implementation or enforcement of any plan that has not been approved by the Commission.
- Prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular General Assembly district plan or to draw a particular district.
- Prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Ohio Supreme Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Repeals the current constitutional provision describing the district plans in effect until January 1, 1973.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Ohio Redistricting Commission**

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to create the Ohio Redistricting Commission to replace the Apportionment Board as the body responsible for drawing General Assembly districts.

#### **Composition**

Under the resolution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission consists of the following seven members:<sup>4</sup>

- The Governor;
- The Auditor of State;
- The Secretary of State;
- One person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One person appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

The legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, acting jointly by political party, must appoint one member of the Commission to serve as a co-chairperson.

Currently, the Apportionment Board is responsible for drawing General Assembly districts. The Apportionment Board consists of the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, one person chosen by the Speaker of the House and the leader in the Senate of the political party of which the Speaker is a member, and one person chosen by the legislative leaders in the two houses of the political party of which the Speaker is not a member.<sup>11</sup>

#### **Organizational procedures**

The resolution requires the Governor to convene the Ohio Redistricting Commission only in a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts or the Commission must draw new districts following the expiration of a plan adopted under the proposal's





impasse procedure (see "**Method of selecting a district plan**," below). Under the resolution, district boundaries must not be changed at any other time.

The Constitution currently requires the Governor to convene the Apportionment Board between August 1 and October 1 of a year ending in the numeral one, and to give the Board two weeks advance notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

At the Commission's first meeting, the proposal requires the Commission to set a schedule for the adoption of procedural rules for the operation of the Commission.

Under the resolution, a simple majority of the Commission generally is required for any organizational action by the Commission. A majority vote of the Commission, including at least one member of the Commission who is a member of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, is required to adopt rules of the Commission, to hire staff for the Commission, or to expend funds. However, if the Commission is unable to agree by that vote on the manner in which funds should be expended, each co-chairperson of the Commission has the authority to expend ½ of the funds that have been appropriated to the Commission. Finally, a specified bipartisan vote generally is required to adopt a district plan (see "**Method of selecting a district plan**," below).

The Commission must release a proposed district plan to the public. The proposed plan must be drafted according to the constitutional requirements. After introducing a General Assembly district plan but before adopting a final plan, the Commission must conduct a minimum of three public hearings across the state to present the proposed plan and to seek public input regarding the proposed plan. All meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission must be open to the public. Meetings must be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible to the general public.

Four weeks after the adoption of a General Assembly district plan, the Commission is automatically dissolved.

Finally, under the resolution, the General Assembly must make the appropriations it determines are necessary in order for the Commission to perform its duties.<sup>iii</sup>

### **Method of selecting a district plan**

In order to adopt a final district plan, the resolution requires the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission, including at least two members of the Commission who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly. A member of the Commission is considered to represent a political party if



the member was appointed to the Commission by a member of that party or if, in the case of the Governor, the Auditor, or the Secretary of State, the person is a member of that party.

The Commission must adopt a final General Assembly district plan not later than September 1 of a year ending in the numeral one. The plan becomes effective upon filing with the Secretary of State, which the Commission must do promptly.<sup>iv</sup>

If the Commission fails to adopt a final district plan by that deadline, the Commission must introduce a district plan by a simple majority vote of the Commission. Then, the Commission must hold a public hearing concerning the introduced plan. Members of the Commission should attend the hearing; however, only a quorum of the members of the Commission is required to conduct the hearing. At the hearing, the public may offer testimony, and the Commission may adopt amendments to the introduced plan.

After that hearing is held, and not later than September 15 of that year, the Commission must adopt a final district plan, either by the bipartisan vote described above or by a simple majority vote. If the Commission adopts a plan by that bipartisan vote, the plan remains effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, unless a court convenes the Commission to redraw judicially invalidated districts.

If the Commission adopts a plan by a simple majority vote, the plan remains effective until two general elections for the House of Representatives have occurred under the plan. However, if, before a year ending in the numeral one, the Commission adopts another plan by a simple majority vote to replace a plan adopted under the impasse procedure, the newly adopted plan remains effective until a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is reconstituted and convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts.

A plan adopted by a simple majority vote must include a statement explaining what the Commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in the procedure for drawing districts (see "**District standards**," below). At the time the plan is adopted, a member of the Commission who does not vote in favor of the plan may submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning that statement.

When a plan adopted by a simple majority vote ceases to be effective before a year ending in the numeral one, not earlier than July 1 of the year following the year in which the plan ceased to be effective, the Commission must be reconstituted, convene,



and adopt a new General Assembly district plan. The Commission must draw the new plan using the same population and political subdivision boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan.<sup>v</sup>

Existing law requires a majority vote of the Apportionment Board to adopt a district plan, and requires the Governor to cause a district plan to be published no later than October 5 of the year in which it is made.<sup>vi</sup>

### District standards

The table below compares the Ohio Constitution's current requirements for drawing General Assembly districts with the requirements proposed by the resolution.

Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
<b>District population requirements</b>	<p>Permits the General Assembly to designate a method for determining the population of the state for purposes of calculating the ratios of representation in the General Assembly, if the federal decennial census is unavailable.</p> <p>Requires the population of each House of Representatives district to be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives, and generally prohibits a House of Representatives district from containing a population of less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation.</p> <p>Specifies that a reasonable effort must be made to draw a county that has between 90% and 95% or 105% and 110% of the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives as a single district.<sup>vii</sup></p> <p>Requires the population of each Senate district to be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the Senate, and prohibits any Senate district from containing a population of less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation.<sup>viii</sup></p>	<p>Same as the current Constitution, but eliminates the option to draw a county that has a population of between 90% and 95% or 105% and 110% of the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives as a single district.<sup>x</sup></p>





Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	Specifies that each House of Representatives district is entitled to a single representative in each General Assembly and that each Senate district is entitled to a single senator in each General Assembly. <sup>ix</sup>	
<b>Legal requirements for districts</b>	No provision.	Requires any plan adopted by the Commission to comply with all applicable provisions of the constitutions of Ohio and the United States and of federal law. <sup>xi</sup>
<b>General requirements for House districts</b>	Requires every House of Representatives district to be compact and composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xii</sup>	Requires every House of Representatives district to be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xiii</sup>
<b>Procedure for drawing House districts</b>	<p>Specifies that, to the extent consistent with population requirements, the boundary lines of districts must be so drawn so as to delineate an area containing one or more whole counties.</p> <p>Specifies that, where population requirements cannot feasibly be attained by forming a district from a whole county or counties, the district must be formed by combining the areas of governmental units giving preference, in the order named, to counties, townships, municipalities, and city wards.</p> <p>Specifies that, where governmental units must be divided to meet population requirements, only one such unit may be divided between two districts, giving preference in the selection of a unit for division to a township, a city ward, a city, and a village in the order named.<sup>xiv</sup></p> <p>Requires a county having at least one House of Representatives ratio of</p>	<p>Requires House of Representatives districts to be created and numbered in the following order of priority, to the extent that such order is consistent with the foregoing standards:<sup>xix</sup></p> <p>(1) Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, each county containing population greater than 105% of the ratio of representation in the House must be divided into as many House districts as it has whole ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio must be a part of only one adjoining House district.</p> <p>(2) Each county containing population of not less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation in the House must be designated a House district.</p> <p>(3) The remaining territory of the state must be divided into House districts by combining the areas of</p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	<p>representation to have as many House of Representatives districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole ratios of representation, and requires any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio to be a part of only one adjoining House of Representatives district.<sup>xv</sup></p> <p>Requires each county containing population substantially equal to one ratio of representation in the House of Representatives, but in no event less than 95% of the ratio nor more than 105% of the ratio to be designated a representative district.<sup>xvi</sup></p> <p>Requires a reasonable effort to be made to create a House of Representatives district consisting of a whole county, when the county has a population of between 90% and 110% of the ratio of representation.<sup>xvii</sup></p> <p>Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, requires each remaining county containing more than one whole ratio of representation to be divided into House of Representatives districts, with the remaining territory within such county containing a fraction of one whole ratio of representation included in one representative district by combining it with adjoining territory outside the county.<sup>xviii</sup></p>	<p>counties, municipal corporations, and townships. Where feasible, no county may be split more than once.</p> <p>Provides that in general, a county, municipal corporation, or township is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district.</p> <p>Specifies that if a municipal corporation or township has territory in more than one county, the contiguous portion of that municipal corporation or township that lies in each county must be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of drawing House districts.</p> <p>Provides that if a municipal corporation or township that is located in a county that contains a municipal corporation or township that has a population of more than one ratio of representation is split because it is not possible for the Commission to comply with all of the requirements for drawing House districts, the municipal corporation or township must be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of drawing House districts.</p> <p>Requires House districts to be drawn so as to split the smallest possible number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>Specifies that where the above requirements cannot feasibly be attained by forming a House district</p>





Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
		<p>from whole municipal corporations and townships, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per House district.<sup>xx</sup></p> <p>Requires the Commission, if it is not possible for the Commission to comply with all of the requirements for drawing House districts in drawing a particular district, to take the first action listed below that makes it possible for the Commission to draw that district:</p> <p>(1) The Commission must create the district by splitting two municipal corporations or townships whose contiguous portions do not contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>(2) The Commission must create the district by splitting a municipal corporation or township whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>(3) The Commission must create the district by splitting, once, a single county that contains a population of not less than 95%, but not more than 105%, of the ratio of representation.</p> <p>(4) The Commission must create the district by including in two districts portions of the territory that remains after a county that contains a population of more than 105% of the ratio of representation has been divided into as many House districts as it has whole ratios of representation.</p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
		<p>Specifies that if the Commission takes an action listed immediately above, the Commission must include in the district plan a statement explaining which action the Commission took and the reason the Commission took that action.</p> <p>Specifies that if the Commission takes an action listed immediately above in drawing a district and includes the required statement in the district plan, the Commission must not be considered to have violated the applicable requirement for that district, for the purpose of a court's analysis.<sup>xxi</sup></p> <p>Requires the Commission to attempt to draw a General Assembly district plan that meets all of the following standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.</li> <li>• The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.</li> <li>• General Assembly districts must be compact.</li> </ul> <p>Specifies that nothing in those provisions permits the Commission to violate the other General Assembly district standards described in the resolution.<sup>xxii</sup></p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
<b>General requirements for Senate districts</b>	Requires Senate districts to be composed of three contiguous House of Representatives districts. <sup>xxiii</sup>	Requires Senate districts to be composed of three contiguous House of Representatives districts. <sup>xxiv</sup>  Requires every Senate district to be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xxv</sup>
<b>Procedure for drawing Senate districts</b>	Requires a county having at least one whole Senate ratio of representation to have as many Senate districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole Senate ratios of representation, and requires any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio to be a part of only one adjoining Senate district.  Specifies that counties having less than one Senate ratio of representation, but at least one House of Representatives ratio of representation, must be part of only one Senate district. <sup>xxvi</sup>	Same as the current Constitution, but specifies that if it is not possible for the Commission to draw House districts that comply with all of the requirements of Article XI and that make it possible for the Commission to comply with those requirements, the Commission must draw Senate districts so as to commit the fewest possible violations of those requirements.  Specifies that if the Commission complies with the above procedure in drawing Senate districts, the Commission must not be considered to have violated the applicable requirement in drawing those districts, for the purpose of a court's analysis. <sup>xxvii</sup>
<b>Senators whose terms will not expire</b>	Specifies that, when district boundaries are changed, a senator whose term will not expire within two years of the time the plan of apportionment is made must represent, for the remainder of the term for which the senator was elected, the Senate district that contains the largest portion of the population of the district from which the senator was elected, and requires the district to be given the number of the district from which the senator was elected.	Generally retains the current constitutional provision for numbering a Senate district when the term of the senator who represents the district does not immediately expire.  Requires the district plan itself to designate which senator will represent a district if more than one senator would represent that district. <sup>xxix</sup>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	Specifies that, if more than one senator whose term will not so expire would represent the same district by following these provisions, the persons responsible for apportionment, by a majority vote, must designate which senator will represent the district and designate which district the other senator or senators will represent for the balance of their term or terms. <sup>xxxiii</sup>	
<b>Preservation of previous district boundaries</b>	Requires district boundaries established by the preceding apportionment to be adopted to the extent reasonably consistent with the population requirements. <sup>xxx</sup>	No provision.
<b>Political subdivision boundaries to be used</b>	Notwithstanding the fact that the boundaries of political subdivisions within a district may be changed, requires the Commission to create district boundaries by using the boundaries of political subdivisions as they exist at the time of the federal decennial census on which the redistricting is based, or if the census is unavailable, on a basis the General Assembly specifies. <sup>xxxi</sup>	Same as the current Constitution. <sup>xxxi</sup>

### Legal challenges

Under the resolution, if any section of the Constitution relating to redistricting, any General Assembly district plan, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Commission must be reconstituted and convene to adopt a district plan that conforms with the provisions of the Constitution that are then valid. Currently, the Constitution requires new districts to be drawn if provisions of the Constitution or a district plan are determined to be invalid by either the Ohio Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

The proposal prohibits a court, in any circumstance, from ordering the implementation or enforcement of any plan that has not been approved by the Commission. And, the resolution prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular General Assembly district plan or to draw a particular district.





The resolution also prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Ohio Supreme Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards, other than the standards concerning political parties, party preferences, and compactness.

First, if the Court determines that a district plan contains one or more isolated violations of those standards, the court must order the Commission to amend the plan to correct the violations.

Further, the proposal specifies that if the court finds that it is necessary to amend not fewer than six House districts to correct violations of those requirements, to amend not fewer than two Senate districts to correct violations of those requirements, or both, the court must declare the plan invalid and order the Commission to adopt a new plan.

Third, if, in considering a district plan adopted by a simple majority of the Commission under the proposal's impasse procedure (see "**Method of selecting district plans**," above), the Court determines that both of the following are true, the Court must order the Commission to adopt a new district plan:<sup>xxxiii</sup>

- The plan significantly violates those standards in a manner that materially affects the ability of the plan to contain districts whose voters favor political parties in an overall proportion that corresponds closely to the statewide political party preferences of the voters of Ohio, as described in the procedure for drawing districts (see "**District standards**," above).
- The statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party does not correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

The resolution relocates but otherwise retains provisions specifying that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases arising under Article XI and that a new redistricting plan made as a result of a legal challenge must allow 30 days for persons to change residence in order to be eligible for election. Relocated but otherwise continuing law also specifies that the various provisions of Article XI are intended to be severable, and that the invalidity of one or more of the provisions does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.<sup>xxxiv</sup>

Finally, the resolution eliminates a requirement that the Governor give the Apportionment Board two weeks advance written notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting held pursuant to a court order invalidating a district plan.<sup>xxxv</sup>



## Miscellaneous

The resolution repeals the current constitutional provision that describes the district plans that were in effect until January 1, 1973.<sup>xxxvi</sup>

## Effective date

The resolution places the proposal on the ballot on November 3, 2015. If adopted by a majority of electors voting on it, the proposal takes effect January 1, 2021.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-13-14
Reported, H. Policy & Legislative Oversight	12-04-14
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<sup>i</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1(A).

<sup>ii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1(A).

<sup>iii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.

<sup>iv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.

<sup>v</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 8.

<sup>vi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.

<sup>vii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3 and 9.

<sup>viii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4.

<sup>ix</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5.

<sup>x</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(A) and (B).

<sup>xi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(B).

<sup>xii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.

<sup>xiii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(B).

<sup>xiv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.

<sup>xv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 8.

<sup>xvi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 10.

<sup>xvii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 9.

<sup>xviii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 10.

<sup>xix</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(C).

<sup>xx</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(D).



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- xxi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(E).
  - xxii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 6.
  - xxiii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 11.
  - xxiv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4.
  - xxv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3.
  - xxvi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 11.
  - xxvii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4(B)(3).
  - xxviii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 12.
  - xxix Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5.
  - xxx Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - xxxi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 6.
  - xxxii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - xxxiii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 9.
  - xxxiv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Secs. 9 and 10. (Relocated from Secs. 13 and 15.)
  - xxxv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 14.
  - xxxvi Repeal of existing Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 14.



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To: Brad Young, Clerk  
From: Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the House  
Date: January \_\_, 2021  
Re: Appointments/Removals: Special Boards and Commissions /Standing Committees

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[BASED off the "Copy of Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. – Appointments for 2020" excel chart.]

Pursuant to Section 113.56 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Able Account Program Advisory Board:

APPOINT: Representative Grendell

Pursuant to Section 101.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review:

APPOINT: Representative Boggs  
Representative Callender  
Representative Hillyer  
Representative Skindell  
Representative Stein

Pursuant to Section 103.51 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following individuals to the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic Research.

APPOINT: Representative Cupp  
Representative Sykes  
Christine Morrison (public member)



Pursuant to Section 3109.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Children's Trust Fund Board:

APPOINT:                Representative Carruthers  
                             Representative Boyd

Pursuant to Section 5101.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Commission on Fatherhood:

APPOINT:                Representative [NEW to replace J.T. Smith – may need to contact the commission to ensure eligibility is met]  
                             Representative McClain  
                             Representative Upchurch  
                             Representative West

Pursuant to Section 127.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Controlling Board:

APPOINT:                Representative [NEW D to replace Jack Cera]  
                             Representative Oelslager [must be the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the finance-appropriations committee]  
                             Representative Wilkin

Pursuant to Section 103.71 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative Manning  
                             Representative Crawley  
                             Representative Crossman  
                             Representative [NEW R to replace Chair Green]

Pursuant to Section 101.38 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following individuals to the Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force:

APPOINT: Representative Clites  
Representative Ginter  
Representative Lipps  
Chad Hawley (public member) GET CONTACT INFO  
Christopher Gerdes (public member)  
Lauryn Tubesing (public member)

By operation of law pursuant to Section 3750.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) member to the Emergency Response Commission:

APPOINT: Representative [VITALE = current] needs to be chair of energy/environment cmte

By operation of law pursuant to Section 991.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) member to the Ohio Expositions Commission:

APPOINT: Representative [KOBHLER = current] needs to be chair of ag/natural resources cmte

Pursuant to Section 101.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee:

APPOINT: Representative Smith  
Representative Boggs  
Representative Sykes  
Representative Cutrona  
Representative Cupp  
Representative [NEW to replace Butler]

Pursuant to Section 122.72 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board:

APPOINT: Representative Zeltwanger

Pursuant to Section 3701.78 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) members to the Commission on Minority Health:

APPOINT:                Representative Crawley  
                             Representative [ R REPLACEMENT for J.T. Smith]

Pursuant to Section 122.98 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative Holmes  
                             Representative Weinstein  
                             Representative [R REPLACEMENT FOR Perales – Note: Senate will Chair it in 2021]

Pursuant to Section 3379.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) members to the Ohio Arts Council:

APPOINT:                Representative Carruthers  
                             Representative Galonski

By operation of law pursuant to Section 3333.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) member to the Ohio Board of Regents:

APPOINT:                Representative [JONES = current. Needs to be the Education Chair.]

Pursuant to Section 123.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) members to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission:

APPOINT:                Representative Jones  
                             Representative Sobecki

Pursuant to Section 103.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Ohio Legislative Service Commission: [NEED TO DISCUSS – get 4 R's + Speaker]

APPOINT:                Representative Boggs  
                             Representative Sykes

Representative [Seitz/Lanese/Edwards Butler[out] = former = reappoint any?]  
Representative [Antani [out], Scherer [out], Stephens [keep?], Lanese [keep] = as of  
8.4.2020]  
Representative Cupp

Pursuant to Section 5537.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) member to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission:

APPOINT: Representative Greenspan

Pursuant to Section 5910.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Ohio War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Board:

APPOINT: Representative Richardson

Pursuant to Section 4906.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Ohio Power Siting Board:

*Speaker gets one member and one alternate, Minority leader gets one member and one alternate*

APPOINT: Representative A. Miller (alternative)  
Representative Crossman  
Representative Vitale  
Representative Stein (alternative)

Pursuant to Section 164.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following individuals to the Ohio Public Works Commission:

APPOINT: *John Jones [appointed 11/29/18 – but he resigned. Statute says the “public financing” one has to meet special requirements].*

*So we have [EMPTY] and Joy Padgett (5-21-20) and then Riley will be up. Can only be re-appointed one time. Need to ask Riley OR get another person.*

Randy Riley [unsure when he was appointed, but excel says it's up 12/31/20]

Pursuant to Section 5139.44 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Reclaim Advisory Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative Phil Plummer [must be a member of a committee dealing with criminal justice or finance]

Pursuant to Section 171.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Ohio Retirement Study Council:

APPOINT:                Representative Carfagna

Representative Merrin

Representative Kelly

By operation of law pursuant to Section 2108.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative [Merrin = Needs to be the Chair of Health / “standing committee with primary responsibilities for health”]

Pursuant to Section 183.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following (non-voting) members to the Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation Board of Trustees:

APPOINT:                Representative Jones

Representative Miranda

By operation of law pursuant to Section 3332.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following member to the Student Tuition Recovery Authority:

APPOINT:                Representative [Jones = needs to be Education Chair]

Pursuant to Section 5703.95 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Tax Expenditure Review Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative Lipps

Representative [OPEN for D – Rogers’ replacement]

Representative Roemer [Chaired in 2019, so Chair in 2021 is a House member]

Pursuant to Section 5537.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following members to the Turnpike Legislative Review Committee:

APPOINT:                Representative Greenspan

                             Representative Sheehy

                             Representative [R Replacement for Chair Green – senate will Chair in 2021 – one of the two R's has to be chair of committee dealing primarily with Highway Matters. Plus there are order requirements – Speaker appoints first, then minority leader does (so, remove Sheehy from this list?) and has to consider certain geographic aspects.]



## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

Progress Report: October 2020

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of October, 2020

Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) November 13, 2020

### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of October 2020. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

There was no work conducted under the contract during the months of June through September 2020 due to a combination of closure of Ohio University offices because of Corona virus and the absence of data needed for continuing contract tasks. Monthly reports were thus not prepared in order to conserve project budget. Project work during the month of October 2020 included continuing work primarily under Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

### Task VI Activities

Activities under this task included brief meetings to discuss activities in preparation for receipt of the geographic data in early 2021 and the PL 94-171 Census data at a yet to be defined time. Tests were performed in GIS using existing datasets to practice linkage of various data types including geographic and voter party affiliation data. Additionally, an email was sent to the US Census Bureau Redistricting and Voting Rights Chief James Whitehorne on October 19 (following the closure of the 2020 Census) requesting an update on Census Bureau product delivery dates. Chief Whitehorne responded as follows:

*“Now that we have completed the data collection period of the Census, we are working to re-establish our schedules for the production of the data. Once the Census has a public apportionment schedule, I will then be working rapidly to re-establish the redistricting schedule. I am hoping to be able to make some statements about the redistricting schedule in the next few weeks”.*

On November 9, 2020, an email was received from the Census Bureau concerning the delivery time for geographic support products, stating in part:

*“The 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 geographic support products will be mailed to official recipients (governors, state legislative leaders of both parties, chairs of sitting redistricting commissions, etc.) starting January 22, 2021. These deliveries will continue through February 28, 2021, by which time all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will have their data in hand. The geographic support products will be delivered on DVD and will come as three separate disc types.*

*There may be more than one disc for each disc type depending on the size of the files. The disc types are:*

- *Disc Type 1: (P.L. 94-171) TIGER/Line Shapefiles*
- *Disc Type 2: (P.L. 94-171) Map Suite (.pdf format)*
  - *County Block maps*
  - *VTD/SLD Reference maps*
  - *Census Tract Reference maps*
  - *School District Reference maps*
- *Disc Type 3: (P.L. 94-171) Block Assignment Files and associated Name Look-up Tables & (P.L. 94-171) Block Relationship Files (crosswalk between 2010 and 2020 census blocks)"*

There was no new information relating to the timing for release of PL 94-171 population data.

#### **Projected Activities Going Forward**

The issue of linkage of voter party affiliation with PL 94-171 block data was discussed in the May 2020 monthly report and with Frank Strigari during a teleconference on May 22, 2020 to identify the precise data that would be used to identify such affiliation from the Secretary of State's Voter Database. The voter database includes 20 years of voter participation records in both elections and primaries. The only indication of party affiliation is from the primary voting records. 2018 was the last full and uninhibited primary before the pandemic. Use of the 2020 primary may underrepresent Republican voters due to the far greater participation by the Democratic Party to select its presidential candidate.

The ability to link voter characteristics to Census Blocks is based on geocoding of the addresses used in the voter database. The most current addresses are assumed to be the addresses existing in the records for the 2020 general election. People move. There is likely to be error and uncertainty in linkage of the 2018 primary with 2020 voter addresses. Such errors increase with time. People move, change their address, and register in other precincts. It is recommended that discussions be held with the Redistricting Committees for each party to identify the most usable data for linkage of party affiliation with Census Block geography, and of the problems, errors and uncertainties associated with each option.

In addition, the GVS will prepare and submit to LSC for approval a contract modification to extend the completion dates for contract Tasks IV and V, based on a time period linked to receipt of the PL 94-171 population data from the Census Bureau.

Over the next few months, we will continue to practice using test datasets of the PL 94-171 data for 2018 provided by the Census Bureau and voter data from the 2019 and 2020 Secretary of State voter database to identify the best methods to parse and incorporate population data to blocks and voting districts.



**From:** Boehner, Sheila  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Cupp'; Morrison, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Legislative Redistricting Task Force  
**Attachments:** 12.10.2020 - Legislative Task Force on Redistricting Reappointment and Demographic Research.pdf

Speaker,

Following up on this with an update:

1. Heather Blessing told me that last time it was the Senate President, Speaker of the House, and their chiefs of staff.
2. With regard to the appointments, the second paragraph in the statute says this:

Appointments to the task force shall be made within fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this division. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force shall serve on the task force until the appointments are made in the first regular session of the following general assembly or, in the case of task force members who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they are no longer general assembly members.

Because of this, I think you and Leader Sykes are arguably still on it (see attached appointment letter from last GA). However, there was no "at the pleasure of the Speaker" clause. (If someone ever challenged it.) We made the change as regarding Householder and McGee because the Senate made a change from Obhof to Huffman the day (or two) prior to your (House) letter.

To be fully safe and clear, I'm happy to just do another one and it will be journalized should anyone ever question it. Thoughts? If so, I'll do it on Thursday and have it state that you appoint you, Sykes, and Christine. (Christine, do I need to confirm first with Sam, or do you know that Sykes wants to stay on?)

Thanks!

Best,  
Sheila

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**From:** Bob Cupp <cuppb3@wcoil.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 9, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Morrison, Christine <Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov>  
**Cc:** Boehner, Sheila <Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Legislative Redistricting Task Force

It is my understanding that I need to make appointments to this Task Force within 15 days of the Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> convening of the G.A. We should discuss who to appoint and who were appointed 10 years ago. The statutory link is provided below.

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/103.51>

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To: Brad Young, Clerk  
From: Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the House  
Date: December 10, 2020  
Re: Appointments to Special Boards and Commissions / Standing Committees

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Pursuant to Section 103.51 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker of the House makes the following changes to the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic Research:

APPOINT:           Speaker Cupp  
                      Christine Morrison (public member)

REMOVE:           Representative Householder  
                      Jonathon McGee (public member)

**From:** Bob Cupp  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2020 12:17 PM  
**To:** Boehner, Sheila  
**CC:** Morrison, Christine; Hinman, Will  
**Subject:** Speaker's Appointments

1. I may have a candidate or two for appointment to the PUCO nominating commission. Please provide me with the qualifications needed for the Speaker's appointment again.
2. I notice that the Senate President has appointed the co-chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission/Committee (or, whatever it's name is). What is the qualifications for the Speaker's appointment and what is the timeline.
3. Are there other appointments that I need to fill now or shortly upcoming? If so, please provide a list of the entities to which appointments will need to be made. And, if you have already provided me with that, please provide it again in electronic form.

Thank you.  
Bob



1. I may have a candidate or two for appointment to the PUCO nominating commission. Please provide me with the qualifications needed for the Speaker's appointment again. [Answer: not much guidance/pretty open — see below in red.]

4901.021 Public utilities commission nominating council.

(A) There is hereby created a public utilities commission nominating council consisting of the following:

- (1) The chairperson of the consumers' counsel governing board;
- (2) The president of the accountancy board;
- (3) The chairperson of the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors;
- (4) The president of the Ohio state bar association;
- (5) The president of the Ohio municipal league;
- (6) The director of development or the director's department-employed designee;
- (7) A member of the public appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, to serve at the pleasure of the speaker;
- (8) A member of the public appointed by the president of the senate, to serve at the pleasure of the president;
- (9) A representative of the regulated public utilities of the state appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (10) A representative of the business community appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (11) A representative of organized labor appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (12) A senior citizen sixty-five years of age or older appointed by the director of aging, to serve at the pleasure of the director.

(B) At its first meeting each calendar year, the council shall select from among its members a chairperson and secretary. The council may adopt bylaws governing its proceedings.

(C) The council shall keep a record of its proceedings. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, and shall be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request for a meeting signed by two or more members of the council. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the council. With the approval of the association's or league's governing body, the president of the Ohio state bar association or the president of the Ohio municipal league, respectively, may designate an alternate to represent the president at meetings of the council. With the approval of the board, the president of the accountancy board or the chairperson of the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors may designate such an alternate. Six members, or their alternates, constitute a quorum.

(D) The council shall:

(1) Review and evaluate possible appointees for the office of commissioner of the public utilities commission;

(2) Consistent with division (D) of section 4901.02 of the Revised Code, not more than eighty-five nor less than sixty days prior to the expiration of the term of a public utilities commissioner or not more than thirty days after the death of, resignation of, or termination of service by, a public utilities commissioner, provide the governor with a list of four individuals who are, in the judgment of the council, the most fully qualified to accede to the office of commissioner. The council shall not include the name of an individual upon the list, if the appointment of that individual by the governor would result in more than three members of the commission belonging to or being affiliated with the same political party. The council shall include on the list only the names of attorneys admitted to the practice of law in any state or the District of Columbia if an attorney must be appointed to fulfill the requirement of division (D) of section 4901.02 of the Revised Code. To the extent possible, in its performance of this duty, the council shall continually attempt to ensure that the primary focus of the background of two commissioners is in energy and that the primary focus of the background of two commissioners is in transportation or communications technology.

(E) In reviewing and evaluating possible appointees for the office of public utilities commissioner, the council may accept comments from, cooperate with, and request information from any person. The council may make recommendations to the general assembly concerning changes in legislation to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

(F) Within thirty days of receipt of the council's recommendations, the governor shall fill a vacancy occurring in the office of commissioner by appointment of one of the persons recommended by the council. Nothing in this section shall prevent the governor in the governor's discretion from rejecting all of the nominees of the council and reconvening the council in order to select four additional nominees. However, when the governor has reconvened the council and the council has provided the governor with a second list of four names, the governor shall make the appointment from one of the names on the first list or the second list. Each appointment by the governor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

(G) Members of the council shall be compensated on a per diem basis pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 124.14 of the Revised Code plus reasonable travel expenses. All the expenses of the nominating council shall be paid from moneys appropriated to the public utilities commission for that purpose.

Effective Date: 09-29-1995 .

Related Legislative Provision: See 129th General Assembly File No.39, SB 171, §4 .

2. I notice that the Senate President has appointed the co-chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission/Committee (or, whatever it's name is). What is the qualifications for the Speaker's appointment and what is the timeline. **Answer:** There is currently nothing to do here. You just made the necessary changes (see below in red) this week. That being said, the Senate's letter made M. Huffman a co-chair. That will need to be discussed (unless you know something I don't know), since the "co-chairs" are from two different parties, and need to be agreed upon.
- a. Note: Christine did ask me to help prepare a document of the timeline of deadlines for after they meet. Heather helped write this and it is ready. I can provide that to you if you'd like it.

**103.51 Legislative task force on redistricting, reapportionment, and demographic research.**

(A) There is hereby created the legislative task force on redistricting, reapportionment, and demographic research, consisting of six members. The president of the senate shall appoint three members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. One member appointed by the president shall not be a member of the general assembly. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. One member appointed by the speaker shall not be a member of the general assembly. *[Rep. Sykes has been on it. You just removed Householder and McGee and added you and Christine, as of 12.10.2020. If you want to know why we waited to do this change, please ask.]*

Appointments to the task force shall be made within fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this division. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force shall serve on the task force until the appointments are made in the first regular session of the following general assembly or, in the case of task force members who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they are no longer general assembly members.

The president of the senate shall appoint a member of the task force, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the task force, to serve as co-chairmen of the task force. The co-chairmen shall be members of different political parties. The co-chairmen may enter into any agreements on behalf of the task force and perform any acts that may be necessary or proper for the task force to carry out its powers and duties under this section.

(B) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(C) The task force shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide such assistance to the general assembly and its committees as requested in order to help the general assembly fulfill its duty to establish districts for the election of representatives to congress;

(2) Provide such assistance to the apportionment board as requested in order to help it fulfill its duty to provide for the apportionment of this state for members of the general assembly. As used in this section, "apportionment board" means the persons designated in Section 1 of Article XI, Ohio Constitution, as being responsible for that apportionment.



(3) Engage in such research studies and other activities as the task force considers necessary or appropriate in the preparation and formulation of a plan for the next apportionment of the state for members of the general assembly and a plan for the next establishment of districts for the election of representatives to congress and in the utilization of census and other demographic and statistical data for policy analysis, program development, and program evaluation purposes for the benefit of the general assembly.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the task force may do all of the following:

(1) Hire such employees and engage such experts and technical advisors and fix their compensation, and obtain such services, as are necessary for the task force to exercise its duties under this section;

(2) Authorize the providing of such services and the furnishing of such data by the task force to any state agency or political subdivision of this state as the task force may specify, on such terms and conditions as the task force may specify, including the amount of the payment for providing the services and furnishing the data;

(3) Conduct meetings and hearings both within and outside this state and otherwise exercise all of the powers of a standing or select committee of the general assembly;

(4) Request and receive from any state agency or political subdivision of this state such assistance and data as will enable the task force to exercise its powers and duties under this section.

Effective Date: 07-26-1991.

Related Legislative Provision: See 129th General Assembly File No.39, SB 171, §4 .

3. Are there other appointments that I need to fill now or shortly upcoming? If so, please provide a list of the entities to which appointments will need to be made. And, if you have already provided me with that, please provide it again in electronic form.

**ALL (additional) current open ones/relevant:**

- 1) 4141.12 Unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council
  - a. Status: BC to call Rep. Merrin. (OR, could wait until new GA to find "customarily referred" chair...)
  - b. Fraiser already accepted. Sobecki to be on for D's. IP's want this done, I'm hearing. Would look good to move on this. Senate defers to us on how quickly we want to move. But, they appointed their people about 2 months ago.
- 2) 3333.40 - Midwestern Higher Education Compact
  - a. Status: We received a letter of support for Rep. Carfagna to re-appointed. They really like him. His office called and Carfagna has asked to be re-



appointed. It lapses January 2, 2021, so I'd like to do that soon if you're okay with it.

3) 3718.03(A)(3) ODH Sewage Technical Advisory Committee

- a. Status: Ms. Nesbit (the Clermont County Health Commissioner) is seeking re-appointment. The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (statutorily relevant group) would like to see her re-appointed to this very technical board that makes recommendations to the ODH. ODH supports Ms. Nesbit.
- b. **I think we are good here and I don't think you to look into this one.** It's not a controversial re-appointment, so I planned to do it on Monday. I just had a call with the applicant. Are you okay with proceeding with this one?

4) 121.31 Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs

- a. Status: Two current commissioners are seeking re-appointment. (Commissioners Foulis and Feliciano.) The commission and Rep. Perales really like them. I spoke with both, and I think they are good to recommend to the governor. Are you okay with this?

5) Act Attached: Alzheimer's and Dementia Task Force

- a. Status: The Minority Leader wishes to appoint Rep. Howse. Per Rep. Ginter, **this is a big deal to Rep. Howse for personal reasons**, so it would probably be good to move on this.
  - i. I have gotten calls from the Dept. of Aging because this became effective about 9 months ago and they don't want to meet until the Speaker's Appointments are made. They wish to meet in early January. They will then have about 9 months to finish their report before they cease to exist. **I'm not sure who on our side of the aisle would be good.** I asked Ginter, but he hasn't had any ideas yet that I'm aware of. **I'm wondering if you'd like me to ask Plummer** if he'd like to given his recent bill? If so, if he does, can I proceed with the appointments? Other ideas?

6) Householder Matters: the only external board/commission he is still on is his TID (ORC 5540.02 (C) – Licking County). If you wanted to remove him, I suggest just waiting to do it in the new GA with all the other TID appointments/changes.

7) (not urgent) 4928.58 Public Benefits Advisory Board

- a. Terms just lapsed, but I think we can deal with this in the new GA if I add it to the survey noted in #8 if you're okay with that for now.
- b. It was/is Carfagna and Brown, but I'm not sure if they want to do it again.

8) **There are many that are up in January (like 100 people are involved).** I prepared a list of them (with hyperlinks) in survey form. That's also attached. I thought it might be helpful to ask the 134<sup>th</sup> GA members to fill it out. At the very least, the information will be helpful to know. I just emailed this to Christine a few hours ago, so she might not yet have an opinion on this idea. Thoughts on this strategy?

**From:** Wendy Zhan  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:13 PM  
**To:** Morrison, Christine; John Barron  
**CC:** Disantis, Paul; Frank Strigari; Liz Connolly  
**Subject:** FW: Release Schedule Updates for the Apportionment Counts and the Redistricting Data Summary File

Hi all. Please let me know how you would like to proceed with the below request. Thanks!

Wendy

**From:** Wiley, Robert <wileyr1@ohio.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:00 PM  
**To:** Wendy Zhan <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>  
**Cc:** Finney, Michael <finney@ohio.edu>  
**Subject:** FW: Release Schedule Updates for the Apportionment Counts and the Redistricting Data Summary File

Ms. Zhan

Here is a pertinent communication just received from the US Census Bureau. We had been separately notified that the final geography files were available from the US Census website and we are downloading them. The actual Census data that we will link with the geography files for creation of the common unified database used for redistricting will now not be available until after July 31, 2021. It is time to consider a modification of the delivery date for the database proposed in our contract.

We had originally assumed a receipt date for the apportionment data as April 1, 2021, and a delivery date to LSC of the database 60 days later (May 31, 2021). If we hold to that 60 day interval and the 2020 apportionment data is received by August 1, 2021, the new delivery date would be September 29, 2021. This will impinge deeply into the redistricting map preparation schedule as it continues to exist (as far as I know). If there has been a legislative or administration solution, please let me know. Revision of the contract delivery schedule to accommodate the new realities might be resolved by changing the language in our contract schedule table to say something like, "Task IV – within no more than 60 days after receipt of 2020 Census Redistricting Data Summary File from the US Census Bureau". We might be able to do this sooner but I cannot commit to this for the university at this moment. Please confer with any concerned parties within the legislature or identified redistricting committee members. Please let me know how they may wish to proceed.

Robert L. Wiley

**From:** Wendy Zhan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Morrison, Christine; Disantis, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting 2021 progress for September 2020

Hi Christine and Paul,

The latest update from OU is shown below. There were no activities in July and August either. It looks like they're going to ask for some sort of contract modification (the last sentence of the email).

Is there anyone else in your caucus you would like me to include in my future report forwarding messages?

FYI. Including the carry-over, the total appropriation for FY21 is \$4,837,520 for the redistricting line item (035407) and \$4,073,639 for the litigation line item (\$4,073,639).

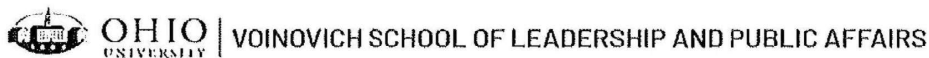
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Wendy Zhan <[Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov](mailto:Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov)>  
**Subject:** Redistricting 2021 progress for September 2020

Dear Ms. Zhan

There was no activity on this project for the month of September 2020. We expect to start ramping up for final project efforts during November 2020 once the election is over and the returns are posted by the Secretary of State. We will also prepare a short modification to the contract to resolve final product delivery times associated with the delays proposed by the US Census Bureau due to the virus-related delays in data processing.

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**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Morrison, Christine; Ray DiRossi  
**Subject:** Redistricting and litigation line items

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**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** Ray DiRossi  
**CC:** Morrison, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting and litigation line items

Ray, just to be sure I understand you correctly. The below reflects the Senate's preference, correct?

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**To:** Wendy Zhan  
**CC:** Morrison, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting and litigation line items

yes IF the  
\$4.837.520 and \$4.073.639 are still available from previous fiscal years

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## Blessing, Heather

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**From:** Blessing, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Emily Wendel  
**Subject:** counting question

Emily,

Dear Emily:

I'm trying to put together a simplified redistricting timeline and I'm finding that I can't count at age 43...

If the statutory requirements for a 10 year congressional or state map aren't met in 2021, do the deadline for adopting the replacement map start accruing in 2025 or 2026?

What would be the petition filing deadline for candidates under those replacement maps?

What is the first petition filing deadline for candidates running after the 2021 maps are adopted?

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Heather Blessing

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**Blessing, Heather**

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**From:** Emily Wendel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Blessing, Heather  
**Subject:** FW: counting question

Hi Heather,

If a map is adopted under the impasse procedure by November 2021, it remains in effect "until two general elections for the United States house of representatives have occurred under the plan." So, that map would remain in effect through November 2024, after the 2022 and 2024 general elections. I think that means the deadlines to adopt new plans would be in September-November 2025, so that members could be elected under the new plan in 2026.

In 2026, the filing deadline for the primary election will be February 4 – 90 days before the May 5 primary.

In 2022 (the first election held under the new maps), the filing deadline for the primary election will be February 2 – 90 days before the May 3 primary.

I hope this helps!

Best,  
Emily

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[One pager, 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act, 117th.pdf](#)

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FYI from Heather just to keep you looped in.

**From:** Blessing, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** Morrison, Christine ; Boehner, Sheila ; Disantis, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Census updates

I just wanted to touch base with you on the census deadlines.

- The bill that would extend to **July 31, 2021** the deadline for delivery of census data to the states has been reintroduced in the U.S. House.
- The census bureau has already missed the **Dec. 31, 2020** deadline for delivery of apportionment data (*how many seats each state gets*) to the president. It is expected internally by the end of February.
- The census bureau has stated that they expect redistricting data (*census block level information*) by late summer, early fall.

Heather

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**Subject:** [redistrict-l] Census updates

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Hello everyone,

I hope this email finds you well in the new year. I'm reaching out with a couple of items on the census front.

As you know, there is still quite a bit of uncertainty in the census world. We know the December 31, 2020 deadline for the delivery of apportionment to the president was missed because "anomalies" were found in the [census data](#). Over the last few weeks the expected delivery date has not been officially set, but unofficially we've heard it could be released sometime in [February](#).

However, according to statements made yesterday by the Department of Justice, the release date will likely be longer. During a court hearing, Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Coghlan [told a federal judge](#) that the earliest date the apportionment numbers can be ready is March 6.

The statement by the DOJ's Coghlan stems from the Bureau reporting that it has discovered some processing anomalies. The details on the anomalies have not been released and the Bureau is working to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.

While the Bureau has not officially announced any data delays, we can expect apportionment delays to lead to delays in the release of redistricting data. Unofficially, some people are being told that the PL 94-171 data will likely be delivered in late summer, early fall.

In addition, Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) plans to reintroduce the 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act. The Act proposes to extend the two statutory deadlines – apportionment and redistricting deliveries by four months:

- The deadline for the delivery of apportionment data to the U.S. House of Representatives from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021; and
- The deadline for the delivery of redistricting data to the states from April 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021.

For more information, I have attached the congressional bill and its one-page summary.

Don't forget, on January 27, NCSL will be holding another [2020 Census update](#) meeting, where the discussion will focus on the latest census updates. The speaker will be Kathleen Styles, Chief, Decennial Communications and Stakeholder Relationships, Census Bureau. If you would like to attend this meeting, please [click here](#) to register.

NCSL will continue to track action on census data—but it is tracking a moving target. If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks,

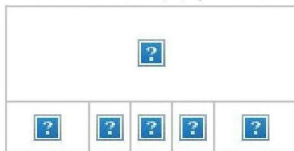
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**Attachments:** [2020-04-29 LSC Members Brief.pdf](#)  
[LSC Analysis.pdf](#)

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I think this covers all you want for now. Please let me know if you'd like additional material.  
Thanks!

Best,  
Sheila

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# Members Brief

An informational brief prepared by the LSC staff for members and staff of the Ohio General Assembly

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## Redistricting in Ohio

Every ten years, Ohio must adopt new district maps for the purpose of electing members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio House of Representatives. This brief provides an overview of redistricting in Ohio, compares the separate constitutional processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting, explains some essential district-drawing concepts, and summarizes several landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings concerning redistricting.

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### Redistricting basics

Ohio elects its members of the U.S. House of Representatives, its state senators, and its state representatives from districts with roughly equal populations, giving each person's vote the same amount of influence. Every ten years, Ohio must redraw its congressional and General Assembly districts based on the latest population data from the U.S. Census in order to maintain population equality between districts and, in some cases, to change the number of congressional districts to match the new number of representatives to which Ohio is entitled.



Congressional Districts  
2011-2021

The Census Bureau releases new population data for redistricting purposes by April 1 of each year ending in 1 (such as 2021), and the Ohio Constitution provides deadlines in the fall of that year to adopt new district maps based on the data. The new maps must be in place in time to nominate congressional and General Assembly candidates in the primary election held the next year. When that year is a

presidential election year, candidates must file their papers based on the new district map as early as mid-December of the year ending in 1.<sup>1</sup>

## Redistricting processes at a glance

The state uses two separate processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting. The voters approved a constitutional amendment implementing a new General Assembly redistricting process in November 2015, and a separate constitutional amendment prescribing a new congressional redistricting process in May 2018. The following table compares several major aspects of the processes. For detailed explanations of the General Assembly and congressional redistricting procedures, please see LSC's final analyses of [H.J.R. 12 of the 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly](#) and [S.J.R. 5 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly](#), respectively.

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
<b>Who draws the districts</b>	
Ohio Redistricting Commission	General Assembly
<b>Required bipartisan vote</b>	
Four of seven members of the Commission, including at least two members who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly	¾ of the members of each chamber of the General Assembly, including at least ½ of the members of each of the two largest political parties represented in the chamber
<b>Deadline to adopt a plan</b>	
September 1 of a year ending in 1	September 30 of a year ending in 1
<b>Impasse procedure</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The deadline is extended to September 15.</li> <li>▪ If the Commission adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, the plan must be replaced after four years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Ohio Redistricting Commission must adopt a plan by a bipartisan vote by October 31.</li> <li>▪ If the Commission fails to do so, the General Assembly must adopt a plan by November 30.</li> <li>▪ If the General Assembly adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, it must follow</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> 13 U.S.C. 141(c); Ohio Constitution, Articles XI and XIX (effective January 1, 2021); and R.C. 3513.05. Ohio's current district maps are available from the Ohio Secretary of State [here](#). The Bureau has asked Congress to extend the redistricting data delivery deadline to July 31, 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. U.S. Census Bureau, *U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham Statement on 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19* (April 13, 2020).



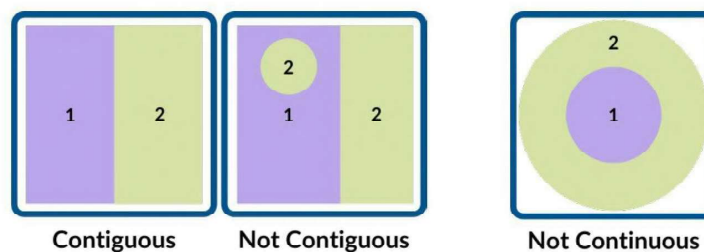
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	additional district standards, described below, and the plan must be replaced after four years.
<b>Population equality between districts</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District populations must be substantially equal.</li> <li>▪ No district may contain a population of less than 95% or more than 105% of the ideal district population.</li> </ul>	Not specified (see “ <b>Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases,</b> ” below)
<b>District standards considered</b>	
<p>Mandatory standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contiguity</li> <li>▪ Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line</li> <li>▪ Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure</li> <li>▪ Each Senate district must consist of three contiguous House districts</li> </ul> <p>Standards the Commission must attempt to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.</li> <li>▪ The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.</li> <li>▪ Districts must be compact.</li> </ul>	<p>General standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contiguity</li> <li>▪ Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line</li> <li>▪ Compactness</li> <li>▪ Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure</li> </ul> <p>Standards the General Assembly must follow if it does not pass the plan by the required bipartisan vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents.</li> <li>▪ The plan must not unduly split governmental units, giving preference to keeping whole, in the order named, counties, then townships and municipal corporations.</li> <li>▪ The General Assembly must attempt, but is not required, to draw districts that are compact.</li> </ul>
<b>Legal challenges</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge.</li> <li>▪ Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to amend the plan or adopt a new plan, as</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge.</li> <li>▪ Requires that, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional, the General</li> </ul>

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
<p>applicable, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits a court from ordering the implementation of a plan not approved by the Commission.</li> <li>Prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular plan or to draw a particular district.</li> <li>Prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards.</li> </ul>	<p>Assembly must adopt a new plan within 30 days after the appeal deadline expires or after the order is issued, if it is not appealable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to adopt a plan not later than 30 days after the General Assembly's deadline, if the General Assembly misses the deadline.</li> <li>Requires the new plan to remedy any legal defects, but to include no other changes.</li> </ul>

## District-drawing concepts

### Contiguity and continuous boundary lines

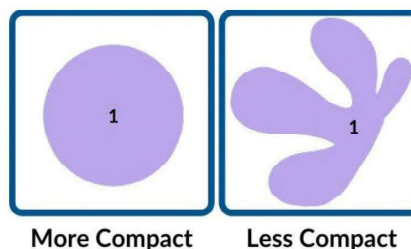
Every congressional and General Assembly district in Ohio must be contiguous, meaning that it is a single, unbroken shape, with no “islands” of territory that do not touch the rest of the district. Each district’s boundary also must be a single nonintersecting continuous line. This standard prevents, for example, the creation of “donut” districts, with one district entirely surrounding another.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(B)(3) and art. XIX, sec. 2(B)(3) (effective January 1, 2021).

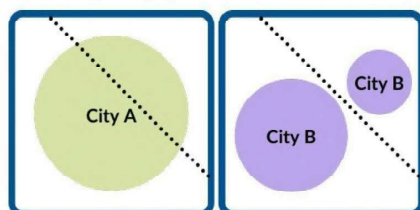
## Compactness

A district is considered compact if it has a minimal distance between all parts of its territory. Multiple methods exist to measure a district's compactness, such as calculating the total length of its perimeter (a shorter perimeter meaning a more compact district), or calculating the average distance between locations on the outer edges of the district and the center of the district (a shorter average distance meaning a more compact district).



Under the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to draw compact General Assembly districts, but it is not explicitly required to do so. On the other hand, congressional districts must be compact, except that under the modified district standards that apply if the General Assembly fails to pass a district plan by the required bipartisan vote, the legislature must attempt to draw compact districts, but is not required to.<sup>3</sup>

## Keeping political subdivisions whole

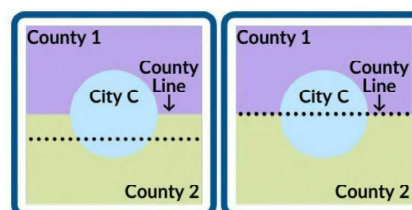


City A - Split

City B - Not Split

Ohio's congressional and General Assembly redistricting processes both place a priority on keeping counties, cities, villages, and townships together within one district. Splitting a political subdivision is necessary when, for example, its population exceeds the ideal district population. But, the Ohio Constitution includes procedures to minimize any unnecessary splitting.

Under both redistricting processes, a political subdivision is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district. If a political subdivision has an island of territory that does not touch the rest of the subdivision, putting the island in a different district is not considered splitting the political subdivision (see above). Further, if a city, village, or township has territory in more than one county, drawing the district line along the county line is not considered splitting the city, village, or township.<sup>4</sup>



City C - Split

City C - Not Split

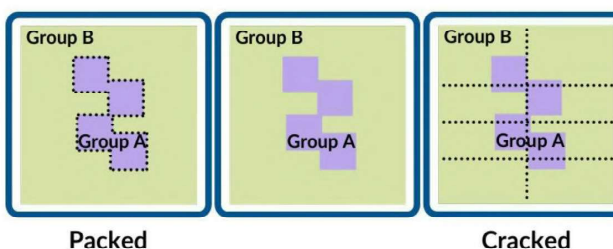
<sup>3</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, secs. 1(F)(3)(c) and 2(B)(2) (effective January 1, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(D) and art. XIX, sec. 2(C) (effective January 1, 2021).



## Packing and cracking

Two district-drawing practices, commonly called packing and cracking, can give one group less influence than another. At one extreme, when a group is “packed” into a single district, it makes up a supermajority within the district, but is less able to influence the outcome of elections outside that district. Conversely, when a group is “cracked” among many districts, it makes up only a minority of the vote in each district, and is less able to influence the outcome of elections in any district. In some redistricting cases, packing and cracking have given rise to claims of unlawful gerrymandering (see “**Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases**,” below).



## Political considerations

The Ohio Constitution includes two separate standards for the inclusion of political considerations in the drawing of district maps. For a General Assembly district plan, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to adopt a plan (1) that is not drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party, and (2) in which the statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

For a congressional district map, the Ohio Constitution specifies that if, under the impasse procedure, the General Assembly passes a redistricting plan by a simple majority vote instead of by the required bipartisan vote, the plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents.<sup>5</sup>

## Majority-minority districts

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) prohibit any district plan from denying or abridging citizens’ right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group. The U.S. Supreme Court has developed a test to determine whether a district map dilutes minority voting strength in violation of the VRA by cracking a minority population among multiple districts, as described above. Essentially, the test examines whether (1) the minority group is “sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district,” (2) the minority group is “politically cohesive,” meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) “the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority’s preferred candidate.”<sup>6</sup>

In order to remedy a case of minority vote dilution, a court may require the adoption of a majority-minority district, in which a sufficient population of a minority group exists to allow the group to elect its candidate of choice. Currently, no court has expressly required Ohio to

<sup>5</sup> Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, sec. 1(C)(3)(a) and (F)(3)(a) (effective January 1, 2021).

<sup>6</sup> 52 United States Code 10301; *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50 (1986); and *Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 264 (1977).



create majority-minority congressional or General Assembly districts. A state may draw majority-minority districts voluntarily in order to remedy past discrimination. However, in some circumstances, the courts have overturned plans that included voluntarily created majority-minority districts because creating those districts amounted to unconstitutional racial gerrymandering.<sup>7</sup>

### Other common concepts

The Ohio Redistricting Commission and the General Assembly might consider other district-drawing concepts in creating district maps, so long as the constitutional requirements are met. For example, some states use criteria such as preserving communities of interest in a single district or maintaining previous district lines to the extent feasible. The National Conference of State Legislatures offers several useful references on these topics, including a 50-state survey of redistricting criteria and [The Redistricting Glossary](#).<sup>8</sup>

### Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases

The following cases represent a sample of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings on congressional and state legislative redistricting. This list is intended to provide a basic foundation for understanding some of the legal discussions surrounding redistricting. However, the list is not exhaustive, and it does not include later rulings that have added nuance to these decisions.

#### Population equality

- *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1 (1964) – Held that the population of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal as practicable.
- *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964) – Specified that the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment requires states to draw legislative districts that are substantially equal in population.
- *Karcher v. Daggett*, 462 U.S. 725 (1983) – Held that congressional districts must be mathematically equal in population, except as necessary to achieve a legitimate state objective.

#### Racial and language minorities

- *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986) – Held that the VRA requires that a majority-minority district be drawn to remedy minority vote dilution if (1) the racial or language minority group is “sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district,” (2) the minority group is “politically cohesive,” meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) the “majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority’s preferred candidate.”

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<sup>7</sup> *Voinovich v. Quilter*, 507 U.S. 146 (1993); *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996); *Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899 (1996); and *Alabama Legislative Black Caucus v. Alabama*, 135 S.Ct. 1257 (2015).

<sup>8</sup> National Conference of State Legislatures, [NCSL’s Redistricting Webpages](#).

- *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993) – Held that districts violate the Equal Protection Clause if they cannot be explained on grounds other than race.
- *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900 (1995) – Specified that a district is unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered if race is the “predominant” factor in drawing its lines.
- *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996) – Found that if race was the predominant factor in drawing a district, the district cannot be justified by the VRA unless there is a strong basis in evidence that drawing the district was reasonably necessary to avoid denying or abridging equal voting rights.

### **Partisan gerrymandering**

- *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S.Ct. 2484 (2019) – Found that partisan gerrymandering represents a political question on which the federal courts cannot rule because there is no credible way to define and measure fairness in the political context.



UPDATED VERSION\*

# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Final Analysis

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### Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12

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(As Adopted by the General Assembly)

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**Sens.** Faber, Coley, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Eklund, Gardner, Gentile, Hite, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Sawyer, Schiavoni, Turner, Widener

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## RESOLUTION SUMMARY

### Ohio Redistricting Commission

- Replaces the Apportionment Board with the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and makes the Commission responsible for redistricting the state for the General Assembly.
- Specifies that the Commission consists of the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and four persons appointed by majority and minority leaders in the General Assembly.
- Requires the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, acting jointly by political party, to appoint a co-chairperson of the Commission.
- Requires the Governor to convene the Commission only in years ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts or the Commission must draw new districts following the expiration of a plan adopted under the proposal's impasse procedure.
- Prescribes procedural requirements for meetings of the Commission.

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\* This update notes the approval by voters and the effective date.

- Requires the General Assembly to make the appropriations it determines are necessary in order for the Commission to perform its duties.

### **Method of selecting a district plan**

- Requires the Commission to adopt a district plan by a specified bipartisan vote of four members.
- Specifies that, if the Commission fails to adopt a final district plan not later than September 1, the Commission must introduce a district plan by a simple majority vote and must hold a public hearing on the plan.
- Requires the Commission, not later than September 15, to adopt a final district plan, either by the bipartisan vote described above or by a simple majority vote.
- Specifies that if the Commission adopts a plan by that bipartisan vote, the plan remains effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, unless a court convenes the Commission to redraw judicially invalidated districts.
- Provides generally that if the Commission adopts a plan by a simple majority vote, the plan remains effective until two general elections for the House of Representatives have occurred under the plan.
- Specifies that if, before a year ending in the numeral one, the Commission adopts another plan by a simple majority vote to replace a plan adopted under the impasse procedure, the newly adopted plan remains effective until a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is reconstituted and convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts.
- Requires a plan adopted by a simple majority vote to include a statement explaining what the Commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences.
- Allows a member of the Commission who does not vote in favor of the plan to submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning that statement.
- Requires, after a plan adopted by a simple majority vote ceases to be effective after two general elections for the House of Representatives, that the Commission convene not earlier than July 1 of the following year to adopt a new General





Assembly district plan using the same population and political subdivision boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan.

### **District standards**

- Establishes new constitutional standards for the drawing of General Assembly districts.

### **Legal challenges**

- Specifies that, if any section of the Constitution relating to redistricting, any General Assembly district plan, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Commission must be reconstituted and convene to adopt a district plan that conforms with the provisions of the Constitution that are then valid.
- Prohibits a court, in any circumstance, from ordering the implementation or enforcement of any plan that has not been approved by the Commission.
- Prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular General Assembly district plan or to draw a particular district.
- Prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Ohio Supreme Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Repeals the current constitutional provision describing the district plans in effect until January 1, 1973.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Ohio Redistricting Commission

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to create the Ohio Redistricting Commission to replace the Apportionment Board as the body responsible for drawing General Assembly districts.

#### Composition

Under the resolution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission consists of the following seven members:<sup>i</sup>

- The Governor;
- The Auditor of State;
- The Secretary of State;
- One person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One person appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

The legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, acting jointly by political party, must appoint one member of the Commission to serve as a co-chairperson.

Currently, the Apportionment Board is responsible for drawing General Assembly districts. The Apportionment Board consists of the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, one person chosen by the Speaker of the House and the leader in the Senate of the political party of which the Speaker is a member, and one person chosen by the legislative leaders in the two houses of the political party of which the Speaker is not a member.<sup>ii</sup>

#### Organizational procedures

The resolution requires the Governor to convene the Ohio Redistricting Commission only in a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts or the Commission must draw new districts following the expiration of a plan adopted under the proposal's



impasse procedure (see "**Method of selecting a district plan**," below). Under the resolution, district boundaries must not be changed at any other time.

The Constitution currently requires the Governor to convene the Apportionment Board between August 1 and October 1 of a year ending in the numeral one, and to give the Board two weeks advance notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

At the Commission's first meeting, the proposal requires the Commission to set a schedule for the adoption of procedural rules for the operation of the Commission.

Under the resolution, a simple majority of the Commission generally is required for any organizational action by the Commission. A majority vote of the Commission, including at least one member of the Commission who is a member of each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, is required to adopt rules of the Commission, to hire staff for the Commission, or to expend funds. However, if the Commission is unable to agree by that vote on the manner in which funds should be expended, each co-chairperson of the Commission has the authority to expend ½ of the funds that have been appropriated to the Commission. Finally, a specified bipartisan vote generally is required to adopt a district plan (see "**Method of selecting a district plan**," below).

The Commission must release a proposed district plan to the public. The proposed plan must be drafted according to the constitutional requirements. After introducing a General Assembly district plan but before adopting a final plan, the Commission must conduct a minimum of three public hearings across the state to present the proposed plan and to seek public input regarding the proposed plan. All meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission must be open to the public. Meetings must be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible to the general public.

Four weeks after the adoption of a General Assembly district plan, the Commission is automatically dissolved.

Finally, under the resolution, the General Assembly must make the appropriations it determines are necessary in order for the Commission to perform its duties.<sup>iii</sup>

### **Method of selecting a district plan**

In order to adopt a final district plan, the resolution requires the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission, including at least two members of the Commission who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly. A member of the Commission is considered to represent a political party if



the member was appointed to the Commission by a member of that party or if, in the case of the Governor, the Auditor, or the Secretary of State, the person is a member of that party.

The Commission must adopt a final General Assembly district plan not later than September 1 of a year ending in the numeral one. The plan becomes effective upon filing with the Secretary of State, which the Commission must do promptly.<sup>iv</sup>

If the Commission fails to adopt a final district plan by that deadline, the Commission must introduce a district plan by a simple majority vote of the Commission. Then, the Commission must hold a public hearing concerning the introduced plan. Members of the Commission should attend the hearing; however, only a quorum of the members of the Commission is required to conduct the hearing. At the hearing, the public may offer testimony, and the Commission may adopt amendments to the introduced plan.

After that hearing is held, and not later than September 15 of that year, the Commission must adopt a final district plan, either by the bipartisan vote described above or by a simple majority vote. If the Commission adopts a plan by that bipartisan vote, the plan remains effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, unless a court convenes the Commission to redraw judicially invalidated districts.

If the Commission adopts a plan by a simple majority vote, the plan remains effective until two general elections for the House of Representatives have occurred under the plan. However, if, before a year ending in the numeral one, the Commission adopts another plan by a simple majority vote to replace a plan adopted under the impasse procedure, the newly adopted plan remains effective until a year ending in the numeral one, unless the Commission is reconstituted and convened by a court to draw judicially invalidated districts.

A plan adopted by a simple majority vote must include a statement explaining what the Commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in the procedure for drawing districts (see "**District standards**," below). At the time the plan is adopted, a member of the Commission who does not vote in favor of the plan may submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning that statement.

When a plan adopted by a simple majority vote ceases to be effective before a year ending in the numeral one, not earlier than July 1 of the year following the year in which the plan ceased to be effective, the Commission must be reconstituted, convene,





and adopt a new General Assembly district plan. The Commission must draw the new plan using the same population and political subdivision boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan.<sup>v</sup>

Existing law requires a majority vote of the Apportionment Board to adopt a district plan, and requires the Governor to cause a district plan to be published no later than October 5 of the year in which it is made.<sup>vi</sup>

### District standards

The table below compares the Ohio Constitution's current requirements for drawing General Assembly districts with the requirements proposed by the resolution.

Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
<b>District population requirements</b>	<p>Permits the General Assembly to designate a method for determining the population of the state for purposes of calculating the ratios of representation in the General Assembly, if the federal decennial census is unavailable.</p> <p>Requires the population of each House of Representatives district to be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives, and generally prohibits a House of Representatives district from containing a population of less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation.</p> <p>Specifies that a reasonable effort must be made to draw a county that has between 90% and 95% or 105% and 110% of the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives as a single district.<sup>vii</sup></p> <p>Requires the population of each Senate district to be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the Senate, and prohibits any Senate district from containing a population of less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation.<sup>viii</sup></p>	<p>Same as the current Constitution, but eliminates the option to draw a county that has a population of between 90% and 95% or 105% and 110% of the ratio of representation in the House of Representatives as a single district.<sup>x</sup></p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	Specifies that each House of Representatives district is entitled to a single representative in each General Assembly and that each Senate district is entitled to a single senator in each General Assembly. <sup>ix</sup>	
<b>Legal requirements for districts</b>	No provision.	Requires any plan adopted by the Commission to comply with all applicable provisions of the constitutions of Ohio and the United States and of federal law. <sup>xi</sup>
<b>General requirements for House districts</b>	Requires every House of Representatives district to be compact and composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xii</sup>	Requires every House of Representatives district to be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xiii</sup>
<b>Procedure for drawing House districts</b>	<p>Specifies that, to the extent consistent with population requirements, the boundary lines of districts must be so drawn so as to delineate an area containing one or more whole counties.</p> <p>Specifies that, where population requirements cannot feasibly be attained by forming a district from a whole county or counties, the district must be formed by combining the areas of governmental units giving preference, in the order named, to counties, townships, municipalities, and city wards.</p> <p>Specifies that, where governmental units must be divided to meet population requirements, only one such unit may be divided between two districts, giving preference in the selection of a unit for division to a township, a city ward, a city, and a village in the order named.<sup>xiv</sup></p> <p>Requires a county having at least one House of Representatives ratio of</p>	<p>Requires House of Representatives districts to be created and numbered in the following order of priority, to the extent that such order is consistent with the foregoing standards:<sup>xix</sup></p> <p>(1) Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, each county containing population greater than 105% of the ratio of representation in the House must be divided into as many House districts as it has whole ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio must be a part of only one adjoining House district.</p> <p>(2) Each county containing population of not less than 95% nor more than 105% of the ratio of representation in the House must be designated a House district.</p> <p>(3) The remaining territory of the state must be divided into House districts by combining the areas of</p>





Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	<p>representation to have as many House of Representatives districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole ratios of representation, and requires any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio to be a part of only one adjoining House of Representatives district.<sup>xv</sup></p> <p>Requires each county containing population substantially equal to one ratio of representation in the House of Representatives, but in no event less than 95% of the ratio nor more than 105% of the ratio to be designated a representative district.<sup>xvi</sup></p> <p>Requires a reasonable effort to be made to create a House of Representatives district consisting of a whole county, when the county has a population of between 90% and 110% of the ratio of representation.<sup>xvii</sup></p> <p>Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, requires each remaining county containing more than one whole ratio of representation to be divided into House of Representatives districts, with the remaining territory within such county containing a fraction of one whole ratio of representation included in one representative district by combining it with adjoining territory outside the county.<sup>xviii</sup></p>	<p>counties, municipal corporations, and townships. Where feasible, no county may be split more than once.</p> <p>Provides that in general, a county, municipal corporation, or township is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district.</p> <p>Specifies that if a municipal corporation or township has territory in more than one county, the contiguous portion of that municipal corporation or township that lies in each county must be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of drawing House districts.</p> <p>Provides that if a municipal corporation or township that is located in a county that contains a municipal corporation or township that has a population of more than one ratio of representation is split because it is not possible for the Commission to comply with all of the requirements for drawing House districts, the municipal corporation or township must be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of drawing House districts.</p> <p>Requires House districts to be drawn so as to split the smallest possible number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>Specifies that where the above requirements cannot feasibly be attained by forming a House district</p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
		<p>from whole municipal corporations and townships, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per House district.<sup>xx</sup></p> <p>Requires the Commission, if it is not possible for the Commission to comply with all of the requirements for drawing House districts in drawing a particular district, to take the first action listed below that makes it possible for the Commission to draw that district:</p> <p>(1) The Commission must create the district by splitting two municipal corporations or townships whose contiguous portions do not contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>(2) The Commission must create the district by splitting a municipal corporation or township whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50%, but less than 100%, of one ratio of representation.</p> <p>(3) The Commission must create the district by splitting, once, a single county that contains a population of not less than 95%, but not more than 105%, of the ratio of representation.</p> <p>(4) The Commission must create the district by including in two districts portions of the territory that remains after a county that contains a population of more than 105% of the ratio of representation has been divided into as many House districts as it has whole ratios of representation.</p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
		<p>Specifies that if the Commission takes an action listed immediately above, the Commission must include in the district plan a statement explaining which action the Commission took and the reason the Commission took that action.</p> <p>Specifies that if the Commission takes an action listed immediately above in drawing a district and includes the required statement in the district plan, the Commission must not be considered to have violated the applicable requirement for that district, for the purpose of a court's analysis.<sup>xxi</sup></p> <p>Requires the Commission to attempt to draw a General Assembly district plan that meets all of the following standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.</li> <li>• The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.</li> <li>• General Assembly districts must be compact.</li> </ul> <p>Specifies that nothing in those provisions permits the Commission to violate the other General Assembly district standards described in the resolution.<sup>xxii</sup></p>



Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
<b>General requirements for Senate districts</b>	Requires Senate districts to be composed of three contiguous House of Representatives districts. <sup>xxiii</sup>	Requires Senate districts to be composed of three contiguous House of Representatives districts. <sup>xxiv</sup>  Requires every Senate district to be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district to be a single nonintersecting continuous line. <sup>xxv</sup>
<b>Procedure for drawing Senate districts</b>	Requires a county having at least one whole Senate ratio of representation to have as many Senate districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole Senate ratios of representation, and requires any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio to be a part of only one adjoining Senate district.  Specifies that counties having less than one Senate ratio of representation, but at least one House of Representatives ratio of representation, must be part of only one Senate district. <sup>xxvi</sup>	Same as the current Constitution, but specifies that if it is not possible for the Commission to draw House districts that comply with all of the requirements of Article XI and that make it possible for the Commission to comply with those requirements, the Commission must draw Senate districts so as to commit the fewest possible violations of those requirements.  Specifies that if the Commission complies with the above procedure in drawing Senate districts, the Commission must not be considered to have violated the applicable requirement in drawing those districts, for the purpose of a court's analysis. <sup>xxvii</sup>
<b>Senators whose terms will not expire</b>	Specifies that, when district boundaries are changed, a senator whose term will not expire within two years of the time the plan of apportionment is made must represent, for the remainder of the term for which the senator was elected, the Senate district that contains the largest portion of the population of the district from which the senator was elected, and requires the district to be given the number of the district from which the senator was elected.	Generally retains the current constitutional provision for numbering a Senate district when the term of the senator who represents the district does not immediately expire.  Requires the district plan itself to designate which senator will represent a district if more than one senator would represent that district. <sup>xxix</sup>





Topic	Article XI, Ohio Constitution	Am. Sub. H.J.R. 12
	Specifies that, if more than one senator whose term will not so expire would represent the same district by following these provisions, the persons responsible for apportionment, by a majority vote, must designate which senator will represent the district and designate which district the other senator or senators will represent for the balance of their term or terms. <sup>xxviii</sup>	
<b>Preservation of previous district boundaries</b>	Requires district boundaries established by the preceding apportionment to be adopted to the extent reasonably consistent with the population requirements. <sup>xxx</sup>	No provision.
<b>Political subdivision boundaries to be used</b>	Notwithstanding the fact that the boundaries of political subdivisions within a district may be changed, requires the Commission to create district boundaries by using the boundaries of political subdivisions as they exist at the time of the federal decennial census on which the redistricting is based, or if the census is unavailable, on a basis the General Assembly specifies. <sup>xxxi</sup>	Same as the current Constitution. <sup>xxxi</sup>

## Legal challenges

Under the resolution, if any section of the Constitution relating to redistricting, any General Assembly district plan, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Commission must be reconstituted and convene to adopt a district plan that conforms with the provisions of the Constitution that are then valid. Currently, the Constitution requires new districts to be drawn if provisions of the Constitution or a district plan are determined to be invalid by either the Ohio Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

The proposal prohibits a court, in any circumstance, from ordering the implementation or enforcement of any plan that has not been approved by the Commission. And, the resolution prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular General Assembly district plan or to draw a particular district.





The resolution also prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Ohio Supreme Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards, other than the standards concerning political parties, party preferences, and compactness.

First, if the Court determines that a district plan contains one or more isolated violations of those standards, the court must order the Commission to amend the plan to correct the violations.

Further, the proposal specifies that if the court finds that it is necessary to amend not fewer than six House districts to correct violations of those requirements, to amend not fewer than two Senate districts to correct violations of those requirements, or both, the court must declare the plan invalid and order the Commission to adopt a new plan.

Third, if, in considering a district plan adopted by a simple majority of the Commission under the proposal's impasse procedure (see "**Method of selecting district plans**," above), the Court determines that both of the following are true, the Court must order the Commission to adopt a new district plan:<sup>xxxiii</sup>

- The plan significantly violates those standards in a manner that materially affects the ability of the plan to contain districts whose voters favor political parties in an overall proportion that corresponds closely to the statewide political party preferences of the voters of Ohio, as described in the procedure for drawing districts (see "**District standards**," above).
- The statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party does not correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

The resolution relocates but otherwise retains provisions specifying that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases arising under Article XI and that a new redistricting plan made as a result of a legal challenge must allow 30 days for persons to change residence in order to be eligible for election. Relocated but otherwise continuing law also specifies that the various provisions of Article XI are intended to be severable, and that the invalidity of one or more of the provisions does not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.<sup>xxxiv</sup>

Finally, the resolution eliminates a requirement that the Governor give the Apportionment Board two weeks advance written notice of the date, time, and place of any meeting held pursuant to a court order invalidating a district plan.<sup>xxxv</sup>



## Miscellaneous

The resolution repeals the current constitutional provision that describes the district plans that were in effect until January 1, 1973.<sup>xxxvi</sup>

## Effective date

The resolution places the proposal on the ballot on November 3, 2015. If adopted by a majority of electors voting on it, the proposal takes effect January 1, 2021.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-13-14
Reported, H. Policy & Legislative Oversight	12-04-14
Adopted House (80-4)	12-04-14
Reported, S. Rules	12-11-14
Adopted Senate (28-1)	12-11-14
House concurred in Senate amendments (82-8)	12-17-14
House concurred in Senate amendments upon reconsideration (81-7)	12-17-14

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- <sup>i</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1(A).
  - <sup>ii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1(A).
  - <sup>iii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.
  - <sup>iv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.
  - <sup>v</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 8.
  - <sup>vi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 1.
  - <sup>vii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3 and 9.
  - <sup>viii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4.
  - <sup>ix</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5.
  - <sup>x</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(A) and (B).
  - <sup>xi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(B).
  - <sup>xii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - <sup>xiii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(B).
  - <sup>xiv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - <sup>xv</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 8.
  - <sup>xvi</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 10.
  - <sup>xvii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 9.
  - <sup>xviii</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 10.
  - <sup>xix</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(C).
  - <sup>xx</sup> Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(D).



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- xxi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3(E).
  - xxii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 6.
  - xxiii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 11.
  - xxiv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4.
  - xxv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 3.
  - xxvi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 11.
  - xxvii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 4(B)(3).
  - xxviii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 12.
  - xxix Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 5.
  - xxx Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - xxxi Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 6.
  - xxxii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7.
  - xxxiii Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 9.
  - xxxiv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Secs. 9 and 10. (Relocated from Secs. 13 and 15.)
  - xxxv Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 14.
  - xxxvi Repeal of existing Ohio Const. Art. XI, Sec. 14.



**From:** [Boehner, Sheila](#)  
**To:** ["Bob Cupp"](#)  
**Cc:** [Morrison, Christine](#); [Hinman, Will](#)  
**Bcc:** [Boehner, Sheila](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Speaker's Appointments  
**Date:** Friday, December 11, 2020 3:05:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Member Survey - Special Boards and Commissions - 134th GA.docx](#)  
[sb24\\_05\\_EN.pdf](#)  
[Questions and Answers - 12.11.2020.docx](#)

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Mr. Speaker,  
Please see attached ("Questions and Answers – 12.11.2020), and let me know if you still have any questions. Thanks!

Best,  
Sheila

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**From:** Bob Cupp  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2020 12:17 PM  
**To:** Boehner, Sheila  
**Cc:** Morrison, Christine ; Hinman, Will  
**Subject:** Speaker's Appointments

1. I may have a candidate or two for appointment to the PUCO nominating commission. Please provide me with the qualifications needed for the Speaker's appointment again.
2. I notice that the Senate President has appointed the co-chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission/Committee (or, whatever it's name is). What is the qualifications for the Speaker's appointment and what is the timeline.
3. Are there other appointments that I need to fill now or shortly upcoming? If so, please provide a list of the entities to which appointments will need to be made. And, if you have already provided me with that, please provide it again in electronic form.

Thank you.  
Bob



1. I may have a candidate or two for appointment to the PUCO nominating commission. Please provide me with the qualifications needed for the Speaker's appointment again. [Answer: not much guidance/pretty open – see below in red.]

4901.021 Public utilities commission nominating council.

(A) There is hereby created a public utilities commission nominating council consisting of the following:

- (1) The chairperson of the consumers' counsel governing board;
- (2) The president of the accountancy board;
- (3) The chairperson of the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors;
- (4) The president of the Ohio state bar association;
- (5) The president of the Ohio municipal league;
- (6) The director of development or the director's department-employed designee;
- (7) A member of the public appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, to serve at the pleasure of the speaker;
- (8) A member of the public appointed by the president of the senate, to serve at the pleasure of the president;
- (9) A representative of the regulated public utilities of the state appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (10) A representative of the business community appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (11) A representative of organized labor appointed by the governor, to serve at the pleasure of the governor;
- (12) A senior citizen sixty-five years of age or older appointed by the director of aging, to serve at the pleasure of the director.

(B) At its first meeting each calendar year, the council shall select from among its members a chairperson and secretary. The council may adopt bylaws governing its proceedings.

(C) The council shall keep a record of its proceedings. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, and shall be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request for a meeting signed by two or more members of the council. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the council. With the approval of the association's or league's governing body, the president of the Ohio state bar association or the president of the Ohio municipal league, respectively, may designate an alternate to represent the president at meetings of the council. With the approval of the board, the president of the accountancy board or the chairperson of the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors may designate such an alternate. Six members, or their alternates, constitute a quorum.

(D) The council shall:

(1) Review and evaluate possible appointees for the office of commissioner of the public utilities commission;

(2) Consistent with division (D) of section 4901.02 of the Revised Code, not more than eighty-five nor less than sixty days prior to the expiration of the term of a public utilities commissioner or not more than thirty days after the death of, resignation of, or termination of service by, a public utilities commissioner, provide the governor with a list of four individuals who are, in the judgment of the council, the most fully qualified to accede to the office of commissioner. The council shall not include the name of an individual upon the list, if the appointment of that individual by the governor would result in more than three members of the commission belonging to or being affiliated with the same political party. The council shall include on the list only the names of attorneys admitted to the practice of law in any state or the District of Columbia if an attorney must be appointed to fulfill the requirement of division (D) of section 4901.02 of the Revised Code. To the extent possible, in its performance of this duty, the council shall continually attempt to ensure that the primary focus of the background of two commissioners is in energy and that the primary focus of the background of two commissioners is in transportation or communications technology.

(E) In reviewing and evaluating possible appointees for the office of public utilities commissioner, the council may accept comments from, cooperate with, and request information from any person. The council may make recommendations to the general assembly concerning changes in legislation to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

(F) Within thirty days of receipt of the council's recommendations, the governor shall fill a vacancy occurring in the office of commissioner by appointment of one of the persons recommended by the council. Nothing in this section shall prevent the governor in the governor's discretion from rejecting all of the nominees of the council and reconvening the council in order to select four additional nominees. However, when the governor has reconvened the council and the council has provided the governor with a second list of four names, the governor shall make the appointment from one of the names on the first list or the second list. Each appointment by the governor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

(G) Members of the council shall be compensated on a per diem basis pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 124.14 of the Revised Code plus reasonable travel expenses. All the expenses of the nominating council shall be paid from moneys appropriated to the public utilities commission for that purpose.

Effective Date: 09-29-1995 .

Related Legislative Provision: See 129th General Assembly File No.39, SB 171, §4 .

2. I notice that the Senate President has appointed the co-chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission/Committee (or, whatever it's name is). What is the qualifications for the Speaker's appointment and what is the timeline. **Answer:** There is currently nothing to do here. You just made the necessary changes (see below in red) this week. That being said, the Senate's letter made M. Huffman a co-chair. That will need to be discussed (unless you know something I don't know), since the "co-chairs" are from two different parties, and need to be agreed upon.
- a. Note: Christine did ask me to help prepare a document of the timeline of deadlines for after they meet. Heather helped write this and it is ready. I can provide that to you if you'd like it.

### **103.51 Legislative task force on redistricting, reapportionment, and demographic research.**

(A) There is hereby created the legislative task force on redistricting, reapportionment, and demographic research, consisting of six members. The president of the senate shall appoint three members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. One member appointed by the president shall not be a member of the general assembly. *The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. One member appointed by the speaker shall not be a member of the general assembly. [Rep. Sykes has been on it. You just removed Householder and McGee and added you and Christine, as of 12.10.2020. If you want to know why we waited to do this change, please ask.]*

Appointments to the task force shall be made within fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this division. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force shall serve on the task force until the appointments are made in the first regular session of the following general assembly or, in the case of task force members who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they are no longer general assembly members.

The president of the senate shall appoint a member of the task force, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the task force, to serve as co-chairmen of the task force. The co-chairmen shall be members of different political parties. The co-chairmen may enter into any agreements on behalf of the task force and perform any acts that may be necessary or proper for the task force to carry out its powers and duties under this section.

(B) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(C) The task force shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide such assistance to the general assembly and its committees as requested in order to help the general assembly fulfill its duty to establish districts for the election of representatives to congress;

(2) Provide such assistance to the apportionment board as requested in order to help it fulfill its duty to provide for the apportionment of this state for members of the general assembly. As used in this section, "apportionment board" means the persons designated in Section 1 of Article XI, Ohio Constitution, as being responsible for that apportionment.



(3) Engage in such research studies and other activities as the task force considers necessary or appropriate in the preparation and formulation of a plan for the next apportionment of the state for members of the general assembly and a plan for the next establishment of districts for the election of representatives to congress and in the utilization of census and other demographic and statistical data for policy analysis, program development, and program evaluation purposes for the benefit of the general assembly.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the task force may do all of the following:

(1) Hire such employees and engage such experts and technical advisors and fix their compensation, and obtain such services, as are necessary for the task force to exercise its duties under this section;

(2) Authorize the providing of such services and the furnishing of such data by the task force to any state agency or political subdivision of this state as the task force may specify, on such terms and conditions as the task force may specify, including the amount of the payment for providing the services and furnishing the data;

(3) Conduct meetings and hearings both within and outside this state and otherwise exercise all of the powers of a standing or select committee of the general assembly;

(4) Request and receive from any state agency or political subdivision of this state such assistance and data as will enable the task force to exercise its powers and duties under this section.

Effective Date: 07-26-1991.

Related Legislative Provision: See 129th General Assembly File No.39, SB 171, §4 .

3. Are there other appointments that I need to fill now or shortly upcoming? If so, please provide a list of the entities to which appointments will need to be made. And, if you have already provided me with that, please provide it again in electronic form.

**ALL (additional) current open ones/relevant:**

- 1) 4141.12 Unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council
  - a. Status: BC to call Rep. Merrin. (OR, could wait until new GA to find "customarily referred" chair...)
  - b. Fraiser already accepted. Sobecki to be on for D's. IP's want this done, I'm hearing. Would look good to move on this. Senate defers to us on how quickly we want to move. But, they appointed their people about 2 months ago.
- 2) 3333.40 - Midwestern Higher Education Compact
  - a. Status: We received a letter of support for Rep. Carfagna to re-appointed. They really like him. His office called and Carfagna has asked to be re-



appointed. It lapses January 2, 2021, so I'd like to do that soon if you're okay with it.

3) 3718.03(A)(3) ODH Sewage Technical Advisory Committee

- a. Status: Ms. Nesbit (the Clermont County Health Commissioner) is seeking re-appointment. The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (statutorily relevant group) would like to see her re-appointed to this very technical board that makes recommendations to the ODH. ODH supports Ms. Nesbit.
- b. **I think we are good here and I don't think you to look into this one.** It's not a controversial re-appointment, so I planned to do it on Monday. I just had a call with the applicant. Are you okay with proceeding with this one?

4) 121.31 Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs

- a. Status: Two current commissioners are seeking re-appointment. (Commissioners Foulis and Feliciano.) The commission and Rep. Perales really like them. I spoke with both, and I think they are good to recommend to the governor. Are you okay with this?

5) Act Attached: Alzheimer's and Dementia Task Force

- a. Status: The Minority Leader wishes to appoint Rep. Howse. Per Rep. Ginter, this **is a big deal to Rep. Howse for personal reasons**, so it would probably be good to move on this.
  - i. I have gotten calls from the Dept. of Aging because this became effective about 9 months ago and they don't want to meet until the Speaker's Appointments are made. They wish to meet in early January. They will then have about 9 months to finish their report before they cease to exist. **I'm not sure who on our side of the aisle would be good.** I asked Ginter, but he hasn't had any ideas yet that I'm aware of. **I'm wondering if you'd like me to ask Plummer** if he'd like to given his recent bill? If so, if he does, can I proceed with the appointments? Other ideas?

6) Householder Matters: the only external board/commission he is still on is his TID (ORC 5540.02 (C) – Licking County). If you wanted to remove him, I suggest just waiting to do it in the new GA with all the other TID appointments/changes.

7) (not urgent) 4928.58 Public Benefits Advisory Board

- a. Terms just lapsed, but I think we can deal with this in the new GA if I add it to the survey noted in #8 if you're okay with that for now.
- b. It was/is Carfagna and Brown, but I'm not sure if they want to do it again.

8) **There are many that are up in January (like 100 people are involved).** I prepared a list of them (with hyperlinks) in survey form. That's also attached. I thought it might be helpful to ask the 134<sup>th</sup> GA members to fill it out. At the very least, the information will be helpful to know. I just emailed this to Christine a few hours ago, so she might not yet have an opinion on this idea. Thoughts on this strategy?

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: May 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
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Month of May 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) June 3, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of May 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

During the month of May 2021, the GVS continued to prepare the evaluate and check the Census GIS geography for linkage to raw Census Bureau PL94-171 data. It is our plan to complete the final combined uniform redistricting database within two weeks after receipt of the raw PL 94-171 data, which is now scheduled for August 16, 2021.

Discussions with the legal counsels for the State Senate and the Minority Caucus led to finalization of the decision to use the statewide partisan election results for the previous ten years the basis for satisfying the Constitutional requirement to link voting results to precinct geography. Linkage of these datasets will modification of using the Secretary of State's (SoS) election results spreadsheet files from the SOS website. There are two elements to this modification that allows the precinct-level voting results to link with GIS shapefile geography. First, we assured that county and precinct numerical codes were fully consistent with the same codes for these geographies in the geography shapefiles. Second, we revised long field names in the election results datasets to fit the 10-character limit for fields in GIS shapefiles. A data dictionary was prepared that will accompany delivery of the revised files to clearly explain the field modifications.

#### Projected Activities Going Forward

Over the next month, the GVS will continue to check the accuracy of the geography files and prepare a summary of differences between the geographic files sent to the Census bureau in March 202 and those returned as final in January 2021, and the magnitude of effect, if any. We are also preparing quality assurance routines to determine that the population data is consistent between various geographic and political units across the PL94-171 dataset, once it is obtained.

We have been invited and will participate in a technical redistricting panel discussion at the Boards of Elections Summer Conference on June 8, 2021.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: June 2021

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George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of June 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) July 17, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of June 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

During the month of June 2021, the GVS continued to prepare the evaluate and check the Census GIS geography for linkage to raw Census Bureau PL94-171 data. In addition to this ongoing task, GVS conducted the following activities:

- We prepared a PPT presentation for the Secretary of State's Summer Conference panel discussion after discussion with staff from the Secretary of State's office.
- Participated in a panel discussion titled "Technical Redistricting" at the Secretary of State's Summer Conference on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The conference was attended by over 500 individuals from Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. Our portion of the presentation described what has been done to-date on the Redistricting Project and where we currently are in the project.
- Responded to a request from the Census Bureau to provide the contact information for the Ohio Redistricting Commission's chairperson contact information. Frank Strigari told us that the Commission's chairperson has not been selected yet. We can send information once the chairperson has been selected.
- Talked with Paulding County Board of Elections regarding the county getting renewed access to the Redistricting web site. We sent the director new passwords, instructions, and link to the Redistricting web site so they could access the web site as they did previously.
- Discussed a Public Records Request regarding the Redistricting project received by OU Legal Affairs.
- Responded to the Public Records Request by sending emails to OU Legal Affairs as directed.
- Discussed with LSC Director about setting up the test of the file transfer process of data between OU and LSC.
- Emailed back and forth with Kurt McDowell, the Director of the Legislative Information Systems at the LSC regarding having him provide a link to a OneDrive folder at the LSC to use to test the file transfer.
- Tested file transfer to the LSC OneDrive folder. Test of file transfer was successful.

**Projected Activities Going Forward**

Over the next month, the GVS will continue to check the accuracy of the geography files and prepare a summary of differences between the geographic files sent to the Census bureau in March 2020 and those returned as final in January 2021, and the magnitude of effect, if any. We will continue preparing quality assurance routines to determine that the population data is consistent between various geographic and political units across the PL94-171 dataset, once it is obtained.



## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: April 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of April 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) May 27, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of April 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

During the month of April 2021, the GVS continued to follow the communications from the US Census Bureau and press releases regarding the dates of availability of the PL 94-171 Census data and Ohio's legal appeals to force earlier data delivery dates. Discussions have continued regarding the Census Bureau's announced delay in releasing the PL 94-171 data set and how these delays will impact final delivery of the unified database. We believe that we can complete the final combined uniform redistricting database within two weeks after receipt of the PL 94-171, if the data received is in the same format as exists in the example legacy data for Providence, Rhode Island provided by the Census Bureau.

We also discussed what types of election results data should/could be added to the unified database. A brief update on the progress of the project was provided to Secretary of State LaRose when he visited Ohio University's campus on April 19. We met as a team several times to discuss the effects of the date changes on the completion of the combined uniform redistricting database. We continued to perform quality control tests to compare the 2021 US Census geography to the precinct geography shapefiles provided to the US Census Bureau in March 2020. We continue to find minor differences along municipal and county boundaries due to unsupported place boundary changes by counties and municipalities that the US Census Bureau could not resolve due to the unavailability of supporting documentation from municipalities making recent annexation boundary changes. Using the geocoded voter database for assessment, the impact of these differences continues to be insignificant in the tested counties. We anticipate continuing testing data accuracy for each county and summarizing the findings as a quality assessment tool over the next few months.

Toward the end of this month, conversations were held with the chief legal counsel for the Ohio Senate and the legal counsel for the Minority Caucus concerning the type and extent of the voting history data to be linked to the Census geography GIS data. Conversations continued into the first week of May concluded that the constitutional requirement of voter data linking to redistricting databases would be satisfied by using only the voting data from statewide and national races for the preceding 10 years. As result, GVS began to prepare linkable spreadsheets of voting results for five elections. It is important to

note that only the 2020 election results can link on a one for one basis to the 2020 geography files and to the PL94-171 data. Changes in voter district geography over the past election cycles will not exactly match with 2020 Census geography.

#### **Projected Activities Going Forward**

Over the next month, the GVS will continue to create linkable spreadsheets with Census geography. One aspect of this is to create field names for the various issues and candidates that accommodate the 10-character limit of GIS shapefile field names. We will also continue to check for geographic differences between the data submitted by us to the Census Bureau in March 2020 and that received in January 2021.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: October 2020

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of October, 2020

Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) November 13, 2020

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of October 2020. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

There was no work conducted under the contract during the months of June through September 2020 due to a combination of closure of Ohio University offices because of Corona virus and the absence of data needed for continuing contract tasks. Monthly reports were thus not prepared in order to conserve project budget. Project work during the month of October 2020 included continuing work primarily under Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

#### Task VI Activities

Activities under this task included brief meetings to discuss activities in preparation for receipt of the geographic data in early 2021 and the PL 94-171 Census data at a yet to be defined time. Tests were performed in GIS using existing datasets to practice linkage of various data types including geographic and voter party affiliation data. Additionally, an email was sent to the US Census Bureau Redistricting and Voting Rights Chief James Whitehorne on October 19 (following the closure of the 2020 Census) requesting an update on Census Bureau product delivery dates. Chief Whitehorne responded as follows:

*“Now that we have completed the data collection period of the Census, we are working to re-establish our schedules for the production of the data. Once the Census has a public apportionment schedule, I will then be working rapidly to re-establish the redistricting schedule. I am hoping to be able to make some statements about the redistricting schedule in the next few weeks”.*

On November 9, 2020, an email was received from the Census Bureau concerning the delivery time for geographic support products, stating in part:

*“The 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 geographic support products will be mailed to official recipients (governors, state legislative leaders of both parties, chairs of sitting redistricting commissions, etc.) starting January 22, 2021. These deliveries will continue through February 28, 2021, by which time all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will have their data in hand. The geographic support products will be delivered on DVD and will come as three separate disc types.*

*There may be more than one disc for each disc type depending on the size of the files. The disc types are:*

- *Disc Type 1: (P.L. 94-171) TIGER/Line Shapefiles*
- *Disc Type 2: (P.L. 94-171) Map Suite (.pdf format)*
  - *County Block maps*
  - *VTD/SLD Reference maps*
  - *Census Tract Reference maps*
  - *School District Reference maps*
- *Disc Type 3: (P.L. 94-171) Block Assignment Files and associated Name Look-up Tables & (P.L. 94-171) Block Relationship Files (crosswalk between 2010 and 2020 census blocks)”*

There was no new information relating to the timing for release of PL 94-171 population data.

### **Projected Activities Going Forward**

The issue of linkage of voter party affiliation with PL 94-171 block data was discussed in the May 2020 monthly report and with Frank Strigari during a teleconference on May 22, 2020 to identify the precise data that would be used to identify such affiliation from the Secretary of State’s Voter Database. The voter database includes 20 years of voter participation records in both elections and primaries. The only indication of party affiliation is from the primary voting records. 2018 was the last full and uninhibited primary before the pandemic. Use of the 2020 primary may underrepresent Republican voters due to the far greater participation by the Democratic Party to select it’s presidential candidate.

The ability to link voter characteristics to Census Blocks is based on geocoding of the addresses used in the voter database. The most current addresses are assumed to be the addresses existing in the records for the 2020 general election. People move. There is likely to be error and uncertainty in linkage of the 2018 primary with 2020 voter addresses. Such errors increase with time. People move, change their address, and register in other precincts. It is recommended that discussions be held with the Redistricting Committees for each party to identify the most usable data for linkage of party affiliation with Census Block geography, and of the problems, errors and uncertainties associated with each option.

In addition, the GVS will prepare and submit to LSC for approval a contract modification to extend the completion dates for contract Tasks IV and V, based on a time period linked to receipt of the PL 94-171 population data from the Census Bureau.

Over the next few months, we will continue to practice using test datasets of the PL 94-171 data for 2018 provided by the Census Bureau and voter data from the 2019 and 2020 Secretary of State voter database to identify the best methods to parse and incorporate population data to blocks and voting districts.



## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: January 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of January 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) February 10, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of January 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

Activities under this task included brief meetings to discuss activities in preparation of completion of the final common unified redistricting database (CUDR). The US Census geographic data was downloaded from the US Census website and stored for future use. The State of Ohio Secretary of State (SoS) 2020 voter database and the precinct-level results of the 2020 general election were downloaded and stored. Email communications with the US Census Bureau concerning the availability of the PL 94-171 Census data did not yield any definitive outcome. Until further notice, July 31, 2021 remains to be the date for receipt of the enumeration data.

#### Projected Activities Going Forward

During February and coming months, GVS will link the new geographic data from the Census Bureau with the 2020 voter database. The voter database will be geocoded and the new points posted on the Redistricting 2021 website, created for this project. The issue of linkage of party affiliation with PL 94-171 block and precinct geography, discussed since May of 2020, is still unresolved. We believe that linking the 2018 primary data as an indicator of party affiliation is problematic and could lead to many inaccuracies. We suggest that the best data that could be used to characterize party affiliation at a precinct level is the 2020 election returns data from the SoS, using percentages of voters by party but this data may not be able to be disaggregated to the Census block level.

We continue to recommend that discussions be held with the Redistricting Committees for each party to identify the most usable data for linkage of party affiliation with the Census geography, and of the problems, errors and uncertainties associated with each option. We suggest that we prepare a presentation of the issues and hold a Zoom (or similar) meeting to provide a factual basis for consideration of the solution.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: February 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of February 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) March 4, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of February 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

Activities under this task included continued meetings to discuss work being done in preparation of completion of the final common unified redistricting database (CURD). An email from the US Census Bureau notified us that the PL 94-171 data was not ready for release to any state but would be released to all states on September 30, 2021. This email from the Census Bureau and enclosed links to press releases was forwarded to the LSC on February 12, 2021 for distribution to interested parties. Following that distribution, a phone call was received from the Legal Counsel of the Minority Caucus, Sarah Cherry, concerning the estimation of the time needed for the completion of the CURD once the PL 94-171 data was received. She was informed that we could likely turn the final product around for delivery within a period significantly shorter than our original contract performance period, depending on the resolution of ongoing questions concerning the issue of linking political affiliation information to the Census blocks and voting precincts. Discussions on this issue had been in progress since May of 2020 with Chief Legal Counsel for the Ohio Senate, Frank Strigari. An email to pursue resolution to outstanding questions regarding the application of political leaning attributions was sent to Mr. Strigari on February 16, 2021 and shared with the LSC and the Minority Caucus. Mr. Strigari talked with Michael Finney on February 25, 2021 to better understand the impact that the delay in the release of the PL 94-171 would have on the completion of the CURD and the issues around linking of the political affiliation data.

#### Projected Activities Going Forward

During the coming months, GVS will review the new geographic data from the Census Bureau comparing it with the data that was sent to the Census Bureau March 31, 2020. We will also download the 2020 voter database from the Secretary of State. The voter database will be geocoded and the new points posted on the Redistricting 2021 website, created for this project. The issue of linkage of party affiliation with PL 94-171 block and precinct geography will hopefully be resolved in the coming weeks. We suggest that we hold a Zoom (or similar) meeting with the interested parties to discuss the issues related to determining the party affiliation from the voter database and election results data.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: March 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of March 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) April 15, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of March 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

During the month of March 2021 GVS followed the communications from the US Census Bureau regarding the dates of availability of the PL 94-171 Census data. Discussions were held with officials from the State regarding the Census Bureau's announced delay in releasing the PL 94-171 data set and how these delays will impact final delivery of the unified database. We also discussed what types of election results data should/could be added to the unified database. A brief update on the progress of the project was provided to Secretary of State LaRose when he visited Ohio University's campus on March 19. We met as a team several times to discuss the effects of the date changes on the completion of the combined uniform redistricting database. We reviewed the sample preliminary PL 94-171 dataset for Providence, Rhode Island. This preliminary PL 94-171 dataset is scheduled to be released mid-August 2021 by the Census Bureau. Our team determined that we can work with the preliminary dataset and link it to the Census geography files provided the actual released preliminary PL 94-171 dataset maintains the same format and database fields as the sample dataset for Providence, RI. We also ran some quality control tests to compare the 2021 US Census geography to the precinct geography shapefiles provided to the US Census Bureau in March 2020. Initial tests found that some differences remained along municipal and county boundaries due to unsupported place boundary changes by counties and municipalities that the US Census Bureau could not resolve. Using the geocoded voter data base for assessment, the impact of these differences was found to be insignificant in the tested counties. We anticipate conducting this test for each county and summarizing the findings as a quality assessment tool over the next few months.

#### Projected Activities Going Forward

Over the next few weeks GVS will create a shapefile that combines county level 2021 US Census Geography files into a single state-wide file and links it by precinct to the 2020 election voting results for all appropriate races and issues, as available from the Secretary of State Election Results database. We will also begin to run the geography comparison quality assessment tests for each county using the methodology developed during March.

**Boehner, Sheila**

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**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 10:46 AM  
**To:** Boehner, Sheila  
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Mindy >

Tue, Aug 3, 3:47 PM

Looks like we're going to send letter to Gov DeWine and cc: Speaker Cupp and the Clerk plus others for OH Redistricting Comms. Will send out by tomo afternoon. Thanks!

Ok. Thank you!

Will copy you for sure. Have a good evening

Great! Thanks, Mindy!

You, too!

Wed, Aug 4, 11:14 AM

Good morning! Besides the pending unemployment council request that has now been noticed, I have a JCARR substitution request coming your way in a few minutes. Thx!

Thank you!

Still working on that one. Do you intend to switch Sobecki back on after this week's meeting? If you know.



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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE**  
**OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION AND**  
**OHIO UNIVERSITY**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the Ohio Legislative Service Commission ("LSC"), Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6136 and Ohio University ("Contractor"), 104 Research and Technology Center Athens, OH 45701-2979.

The parties agree as follows:

**I. NATURE OF AGREEMENT**

- A. Contractor shall furnish professional services performed in accordance with normal standards for services of this type necessary for the satisfactory performance of the work. Contractor shall furnish its own support staff necessary for the satisfactory performance of the work.
- B. Contractor shall be employed as an independent contractor, to fulfill the terms of this Agreement and to act as a contractor to LSC. LSC shall be the sole judge of the adequacy of Consultant's services rendered under this Agreement.
- C. LSC enters into this Agreement in reliance upon Contractor's representations that it has the necessary expertise and experience to perform its obligations hereunder, and Contractor warrants that it does possess the necessary expertise and experience.

**II. SCOPE OF WORK**

- A. Contractor shall undertake the services, work, Tasks and activities set forth in Exhibit I, Scope of Work, attached hereto and made a part hereof (collectively, the "Work"). All of the Work, including all work products, documents, data, reports and other materials, described in Exhibit I shall be completed to the satisfaction of LSC and in accordance with the dates set forth in Exhibit I, unless this Agreement is terminated as provided in Article VI.
- B. LSC, through the Director of LSC, may, as it considers appropriate, communicate specific instructions and requests to Contractor concerning

the performance of the Work. Upon such notice and within ten (10) days after receipt of the instructions or request, Contractor shall comply with such instructions and fulfill such requests to the satisfaction of LSC. LSC and Contractor expressly understand that these instructions and requests are for the sole purpose of assisting LSC and Contractor to satisfactorily complete the Work, and are not intended to amend or alter this Agreement contrary to Article XIII, Section (I) of this Agreement.

- C. Contractor shall consult with the Director of LSC, and when necessary, other appropriate persons or governmental agencies authorized by the Director of LSC, to assure an understanding, and satisfactory completion, of the Work.
- D. Contractor shall be responsive to, provide, and accomplish, as appropriate, any additional tasks or actions mandated by the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the Work set forth in Exhibit I.

### III. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

- A. The Work shall have commenced on the date of LSC signing this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that, due to timelines imposed by the U.S. Census Bureau, Contractor has incurred certain expenses for portions of the Work prior to the signing of this Agreement. Any such expenses incurred by Contractor are included in the compensation amount set forth in Section B of Article IV of this Agreement and shall be set forth on invoices prepared by Contractor for submission to LSC in accordance with this Agreement.
- B. The Work shall be concluded on or before December 31, 2021, and this Agreement shall terminate on the earlier of the following to occur: (i) the date on which the Work is completed to the satisfaction of LSC; or (ii) the date on which this Agreement is terminated, as provided in Article VI.

### IV. COMPENSATION

- A. In consideration for the promises and performance of Contractor set forth in this Agreement, LSC shall pay Contractor the amounts set forth on invoices that shall be submitted by Contractor based on the completion of the tasks, including their associated cost and approximate schedule, as set forth in Exhibit I (the "Tasks"). Unless the Director of LSC directs



otherwise, invoices should be directed via email to: [mflanders@lsc.ohio.gov](mailto:mflanders@lsc.ohio.gov). LSC shall pay any proper invoice submitted under this Agreement within thirty (30) days after LSC has accepted and approved the successful completion of the associated Task in each invoice.

- B. LSC shall pay Contractor no more than \$478,501.58 for the Work, which shall include invoice reimbursements for the Tasks set forth in Section A of this Article IV and those certain expenses set forth in Section A of Article III.
- C. For purposes of this Agreement, LSC's indirect rate is 15% of Contractor's direct costs.

#### V. CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

- A. LSC and Contractor expressly understand that none of the rights, duties, and obligations described in this Agreement shall be binding on either party until all relevant provisions of the Ohio Revised Code have been complied with and until all necessary funds are made available to LSC.

#### VI. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTOR'S SERVICES

- A. LSC may, at any time prior to completion of the Work, suspend or terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving written notice to Contractor.
- B. Contractor, upon receipt of notice of suspension or termination, shall cease work on the suspended or terminated activities under this Agreement, suspend or terminate all subcontracts relating to the suspended or terminated activities, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and, if requested by the Director of LSC, furnish a report to LSC, no more than twenty (20) days after the date Contractor receives notice of suspension or termination, describing the status of all Work under this Agreement, including, without limitation, results, conclusions resulting therefrom, and any other matters LSC requires.
- C. If LSC suspends or terminates this Agreement under this Article VI, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation, upon submission of a proper invoice, for Work performed prior to the receipt of notice of termination



or suspension. LSC shall not be liable for any further claims, and the claims submitted by Contractor shall not exceed the total amount of compensation stated in this Agreement. The amount stated on the invoice must, to the satisfaction of LSC, be reasonable in relation to the total anticipated cost of the Work and to the amount of Work actually accomplished. If this Agreement is suspended or terminated under this Article VI, Contractor shall return to LSC any payments made by LSC for services that have not been rendered by Contractor.

- D. Contractor agrees to waive any right to, and shall make no claim for, additional compensation against LSC by reason of any suspension or termination of this Agreement.

## VII. RECORD KEEPING

- A. Contractor shall keep all financial records in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and in a manner acceptable to the Auditor of State. Contractor shall keep on file documentation to support all Work done in a manner allowing the documentation to be readily located.
- B. Contractor shall not discuss or disclose any information or material obtained pursuant to its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of LSC, except as required by law. If Contractor receives a public records request pursuant to R.C. 149.43 ("Request") for the disclosure of any Work being provided by Contractor under this Agreement, and Contractor, in its reasonable discretion, determines that such Work qualifies as a public record, Contractor may disclose such Work. Prior to making such a disclosure, Contractor will provide the Director of LSC with advance written notice of any such disclosure so that LSC may seek a protective order or other appropriate relief. If LSC does not seek a protective order or other appropriate relief within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 10 business days, Contractor may disclose the requested Work, and LSC shall be deemed to have waived any claims against Contractor for such disclosure.
- C. Contractor shall keep a separate account for the Work performed under this Agreement ("Contract Account"). All disbursements made from the Contract Account shall only be for obligations incurred in the performance of this Agreement and shall be supported by contracts,

invoices, vouchers, and other data, as appropriate to support such disbursements. Contractor shall forward a verified copy of the Contract Account and copies of all invoices, vouchers, and other receipts used for supporting the Contract Account to LSC within ninety (90) days of completion of this Agreement or within thirty (30) days of the receipt by Contractor of a request from the Director of LSC for such documents.

- D. During performance of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years after its completion, Contractor agrees to provide LSC, the Director of LSC, or any person duly authorized by the Director of LSC, with access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of Contractor involving transactions related to this Agreement. Contractor shall require any subcontractor to agree to comply with this Article VII.

#### VIII. RELATED AGREEMENTS

- A. All Work, including any Tasks, under this Agreement is to be performed by Contractor. Except as provided in Section B of this Article VIII, Contractor shall not enter into any subcontracts related to the Work without LSC's prior written approval. Any subcontracted Work or Task approved by LSC shall be at Contractor's expense.
- B. Notwithstanding Section A of this Article VIII, Contractor may subcontract without LSC's approval for the purchase of articles, supplies, components, or special mechanical services that do not involve any type of Work described in Exhibit I but that are required for the satisfactory completion of the Work. Contractor shall bind any subcontractor to the terms of this Agreement, so far as applicable to the Work of the subcontractor, and shall not agree to any provision that seeks to bind LSC to terms inconsistent with, or at variance from, this Agreement. Upon the request of the Director of LSC or within fifteen (15) days after Contractor enters into any subcontract, Contractor shall provide the Director with a list of all subcontractors, if any, and their addresses, tax identification numbers, and the dollar amount of each subcontract.
- C. Contractor warrants that it has not entered into, nor shall it enter into, any other agreement, without the prior written approval of LSC, to perform any work or service that is substantially identical to the Work described in this Agreement.

- D. After December 31, 2021, Contractor may, without restriction, enter into other contracts using the Common and Unified Redistricting Database described in Exhibit I (hereinafter, the "Database").

#### IX. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- A. Prior to the completion of this Agreement, no employee or officer of Contractor or LSC shall acquire any personal interest, direct or indirect, that is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge and fulfillment of his or her functions and responsibilities with respect to the performance of this Agreement.
- B. Any such person who has or acquires a personal interest on or after the effective date of this Agreement shall immediately disclose the person's interest in writing to the Director of LSC. If the Director has or acquires such an interest, the Director shall immediately disclose this interest in writing to the Chair of LSC. Thereafter, the person shall not participate in any action affecting any Work under this Agreement, unless the Director of LSC, or the Chair of LSC, as appropriate, determines that, in the light of the personal interest disclosed, the person's participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest.
- C. Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of Sections A and B of this Article IX into any of its contracts for any Work prescribed herein (other than subcontracts authorized under Section B, Article VIII of this Agreement) and shall require all of its subcontractors for any part of such Work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such Work.

#### X. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- A. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor, in the execution of its duties and obligations under this Agreement, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
- B. **Drug Free Workplace.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding smoke-free and drug-free work places and shall make a good faith effort to ensure that none of its employees or permitted subcontractors engaged in the Work purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol, or abuse prescription drugs in any way.



- C. **Nondiscrimination of Employment.** Pursuant to R.C. 125.111, Contractor agrees that Contractor, any subcontractor, and any person acting on behalf of Contractor or a subcontractor, shall not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of the state of Ohio in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the Work. Contractor further agrees that Contractor, any subcontractor, and any person acting on behalf of Contractor or a subcontractor shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of the Work on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry.
- D. **Affirmative Action Program.** Contractor represents that it has a written affirmative action program for the employment and effective utilization of economically disadvantaged persons pursuant to R.C. 125.111(B) and has filed an Affirmative Action Program Verification form with the Affirmative Action Unit and Equal Employment Opportunity Unit of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.
- E. **Findings for Recovery.** Contractor warrants that it is not subject to an "unresolved" finding for recovery under R.C. 9.24. If the representation and warranty in this Section E is found to be false, this Agreement is void ab initio and Contractor shall immediately repay to LSC any funds paid under this Agreement.
- F. **Payment of Expenses & Taxes.** Contractor agrees that it shall be solely responsible for all office and business expenses that Contractor incurs as a result of the performance of this Agreement. Contractor also accepts full responsibility for the payment of all taxes including unemployment compensation insurance premiums, all income taxes and any and all other applicable taxes or payroll deductions required for all employees engaged by Contractor in the performance of the Work. LSC shall not be liable for any taxes under this Agreement.

#### XI. RIGHTS IN DATA AND COPYRIGHTS/PUBLIC USE

- A. Any Work described in Exhibit I, and provided by Contractor to LSC, shall be the joint property of LSC and Contractor. LSC, Contractor, any representative duly authorized by the Director of LSC and any duly



authorized representative of Contractor shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use any portion of the Database. Contractor shall not include in any part of the Database any matter the copyright to which is owned by another person other than Contractor or its employees, unless the copyright owner and LSC gives prior written approval to use such copyrighted matter in the Database.

- B. Unless Contractor obtains the Director of LSC's prior written approval, or unless required by law, Contractor shall not release any portion of the Database, including any working drafts of the Database. However, beginning thirty (30) days after the Director of LSC notifies Contractor that all of the Work described in Exhibit I has been completed to the satisfaction of LSC, Contractor agrees that the Database created under this Agreement shall be made freely available to the general public. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may release portions of information used to create the Database to the U.S. Census Bureau without the Director of LSC's written approval if such release is required.

## **XII. OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AND TRAINING**

- A. All equipment purchased by Contractor to perform the Work under this Agreement shall remain the property of Contractor.
- B. At the request of the Director of LSC, Contractor shall provide, at a mutually agreed upon time and place, training on how to access and use the Database to LSC personnel and any person duly authorized by the Director of LSC. The data in the Database shall be provided in a standard database format that can be used or imported by industry-standard Geographic Information System ("GIS") software.

## **XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. **Controlling Law.** This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Contractor consents to jurisdiction in a court of proper jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio.
- B. **Waiver.** A waiver by any party of any breach or default by the other party under this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver by such party of any subsequent act in breach of or in default hereunder.

- C. **Survival.** The provisions of Articles IV, VI, VII, X(E), XI, and XII(A) hereof shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- D. **Successors and Assigns.** Neither party to this Agreement shall assign nor transfer, in whole or in part, this Agreement or any rights, duties or obligations hereunder, without the prior written consent of the other party.
- E. **Notices.** Except to the extent expressly provided otherwise herein, all notices, consents and communications required hereunder (each, a "Notice") shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given when: 1) hand delivered with delivery acknowledged in writing; 2) sent by overnight delivery service (Fed Ex, UPS, etc.) with receipt; or 3) sent by fax or email. Notices shall be deemed given upon receipt thereof, and shall be sent to the addresses set forth above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices sent by fax or email shall be effectively given only upon acknowledgement of receipt by the receiving party. Any party may change its address for receipt of Notices upon notice to the other party. If delivery cannot be made at any address designated for Notices, a Notice shall be deemed given on the date on which delivery at such address is attempted.
- F. **Conflict.** In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement and any exhibit hereto, the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement shall control.
- G. **Headings.** Any heading in this Agreement has been inserted for convenient reference only and shall not be considered in any questions of interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- H. **Severability.** The provisions of this Agreement are severable and independent, and if any such provision shall be determined to be unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remaining provisions and any partially enforceable provision shall, to the extent enforceable in any jurisdiction, nevertheless be binding and enforceable.
- I. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall not be modified, amended or supplemented, or any rights herein waived, unless specifically agreed

upon in writing by the parties hereto. This Agreement supersedes any and all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties.

- J. **Execution.** This Agreement is not binding upon LSC unless executed in full, and is effective as of the last date of signature by LSC.
- K. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- L. **Facsimile Signatures.** Any party hereto may deliver a copy of its counterpart signature page to this Agreement via fax or e-mail. Each party hereto shall be entitled to rely upon a facsimile signature of any other party delivered in such a manner as if such signature were an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

By: Mark Flanders

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By: P. Maureen Valentine

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**EXHIBIT I**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

Project start date: September 1, 2016

Project end date: December 31, 2021

Total Estimated project costs: \$478,501.58 (direct costs \$416,087.27 @ 15%)

Contractor shall develop a Common and Unified Redistricting Database (the "Database") to be used for redistricting in the State of Ohio after the 2020 U.S. Census. Data on the state's boundaries of its voting districts, i.e. election precinct boundaries, is required in order for the U.S. Census Bureau to produce census data by precinct in early 2021. The data required for redistricting includes population data from the 2020 Census and computer-based geographic data that describe the boundaries of census blocks. The Database shall unify population and election results data with geographic data containing census political boundaries and block boundaries, as well as election geography for the state.

Exhibit I

*Task I*  
*September 1, 2016, through May 31, 2018*  
*Work with Census Bureau to develop accurate Census Block files*

1. Contact the county boards of elections ("BOEs") to request precinct maps – preferably GIS files.
2. Review precinct maps for urban counties to identify issues with new census block boundaries being suggested by the Census Bureau as part of the Database.
3. Work with the Census Bureau to complete Phase 1 – Block Boundary Suggestion Project ("BBSP") by May 31, 2017<sup>1</sup>. During Phase I completion:
  - A. Suggest to the Census Bureau which census data features should be kept as census block boundaries because the features are precinct boundaries, as supported by data submitted to the Census Bureau.
  - B. Use the BBSP to minimize split blocks when creating the Database.
4. Review precinct maps for rural counties to identify issues with new block boundaries being suggested by the Census Bureau.
5. Work with the Census Bureau to complete Phase 3 – Deliver the 2020 Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data Files and Postcensus Geographic Products, by May 31, 2018. During Phase 3 completion, suggest to the Census Bureau which data features should be kept as block boundaries because the feature is a precinct boundary, supported by data.
6. Work with BOEs to assist with the BOEs' responses to the Census Bureau's Boundary and Annexation Survey ("BAS") as needed. It is very important that the Census Bureau be aware of annexation changes in municipal and township boundaries so that new releases of census block boundary geographic files reflect these annexation changes. Annexation changes also directly impact precinct/ward boundaries.

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<sup>1</sup> While Contractor has already completed the first stage of the Census Bureau's RDP by researching and certifying that there have been no changes in the district boundaries for the 114th Congress, Contractor did not participate in Phase 1 of the Census Bureau's RDP BBSP, which was due May 31, 2016.

Task II  
September 1, 2016, through May 31, 2018  
Develop Initial Precinct Boundary Mapping Database

1. Request precinct boundary geographic files from each BOE.
2. Request database information on which precincts are assigned to wards in warded political subdivisions.
3. Request most recent voter registration files from each BOE.
4. Geocode voter registration files and identify voters by precinct.
5. Encourage BOEs and counties to communicate annexation changes through the Census Bureau's BAS program.
6. Adjust BOE precinct boundaries to be consistent with census block boundaries.
7. Communicate with BOEs to resolve precinct boundary questions.
8. Conduct quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) checks of precincts and wards.
9. Import voter registration files from each BOE.

Task III  
June 1, 2018, through March 31, 2021  
Keep Current and Updated Precinct Boundaries

1. Continue to maintain communications with the BOEs in order to be informed of precinct boundary changes or municipal annexations that would impact census geography files.
2. Request election result data from each BOE for all statewide state and federal partisan general election results for the previous 10 years, up to and including the 2020 presidential and general election. This would include the general elections in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.
3. Work with all county BOEs to create precinct and ward aggregations in preparation for Phase 2 – Voting District Project.
4. Work with the Census Bureau to complete Phase 2 – Voting District Project to report voting districts to the Census Bureau by May 31, 2019.
5. Update the precinct/ward boundaries as of the 2020 general election because these boundaries will be used to create the Database.
6. Determine data disaggregation factors for all census blocks that are split by precinct/ward boundaries.
7. Conduct QA/QC checks of precincts and wards.



Task IV  
April 1, 2021, through May 31, 2021  
Prepare the Database

1. Make any final changes to the precinct/ward geographies.
2. Determine data disaggregation factors for all census blocks that are split by precinct/ward boundaries.
3. Allocate election results data to each precinct and to each census block.
4. Prepare database of precincts assigned to wards.
5. Allocate the 2020 Census population data provided by the Census Bureau by census block and split census block.
6. Generate the draft version of the Database, which shall include any other information or data not specified herein, but otherwise required by the Ohio Constitution.
7. Conduct QA/QC checks of the Database and make necessary changes.
8. Prepare documentation describing the Database and the methodology used to develop the Database.
9. No later than June 30, 2021, generate the final version of the Database and deliver to the Director of the Legislative Service Commission twenty (20) copies of the Database on DVD or other electronic medium agreed upon by the Director and Contractor.

Exhibit I

Task V  
June 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021  
Train Users of the Database

1. Provide training to those individuals designated by the Director of the Legislative Service Commission on how to use the Database ("Users").
2. Provide ongoing consultation to the Users regarding the use of the Database.

Exhibit I

Task VI  
September 1, 2016, through December 31, 2021  
Project Management and Reporting

1. Provide overall management of the project.
2. Prepare and deliver monthly progress reports to the Director of the Legislative Service Commission and a representative from each of the majority and minority caucuses of the both the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives, as designated by the Director.

Exhibit I

### PROJECT COSTS BY TASK

<i>Task I</i>	
\$69,348.18	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$0.00	Travel within Ohio
\$0.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$10,402.23	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$79,750.41</b>	<b>Total for Task I</b>

<i>Task II</i>	
\$103,746.37	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$400.00	Travel within Ohio
\$800.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$15,741.96	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$120,688.33</b>	<b>Total for Task II</b>

<i>Task III</i>	
\$72,623.64	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$200.00	Travel within Ohio
\$900.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$11,058.54	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$84,782.18</b>	<b>Total for Task III</b>

<i>Task IV</i>	
\$85,698.73	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$400.00	Travel within Ohio
\$500.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$12,989.81	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$99,588.54</b>	<b>Total for Task IV</b>

<i>Task V</i>	
\$11,976.73	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$500.00	Travel within Ohio
\$300.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$1,916.51	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$14,693.24</b>	<b>Total for Task V</b>

<i>Task VI</i>	
\$68,293.63	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$600.00	Travel within Ohio
\$0.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$10,334.04	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$79,227.67</b>	<b>Total for Task VI</b>

<i>Total for Tasks I - VI</i>	
\$411,687.28	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$2,100.00	Travel within Ohio
\$2,500.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$62,443.09	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$478,501.58</b>	<b>Total for Tasks I - VI</b>

Exhibit I



**PROJECT COSTS BY STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY)**

<b><i>SFY 2017 (Year 1)</i></b>	
\$94,501.96	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$300.00	Travel within Ohio
\$400.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$14,200.29	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$109,482.25</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2017</b>
<b><i>SFY 2018 (Year 2)</i></b>	
\$105,753.71	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$300.00	Travel within Ohio
\$400.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$15,968.06	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$122,421.77</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2018</b>
<b><i>SFY 2019 (Year 3)</i></b>	
\$24,723.68	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$200.00	Travel within Ohio
\$200.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$3,768.55	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$28,892.23</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2019</b>
<b><i>SFY 2020 (Year 4)</i></b>	
\$29,398.97	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$200.00	Travel within Ohio
\$200.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$4,469.85	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$34,268.82</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2020</b>
<b><i>SFY 2021 (Year 5)</i></b>	
\$144,868.25	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$700.00	Travel within Ohio
\$1,300.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$22,030.24	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$168,898.49</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2021</b>
<b><i>SFY 2022 (Year 6)</i></b>	
\$12,440.71	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$400.00	Travel within Ohio
\$0.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$1,926.11	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$14,766.82</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2022</b>
<b><i>Total for SFY 2017 through SFY 2022 (Years 1-6)</i></b>	
\$411,687.28	Personnel (salaries and benefits)
\$2,100.00	Travel within Ohio
\$2,500.00	Supplies, materials, and plotting/printing
\$62,443.09	University Indirect Overhead
<b>\$478,501.58</b>	<b>Total for SFY 2017 - SFY 2022</b>

Exhibit I

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: May 2021

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of May 2021  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) June 3, 2021

#### Project Purpose and Background

This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of May 2021. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

#### Task VI Activities

During the month of May 2021, the GVS continued to prepare the evaluate and check the Census GIS geography for linkage to raw Census Bureau PL94-171 data. It is our plan to complete the final combined uniform redistricting database within two weeks after receipt of the raw PL 94-171 data, which is now scheduled for August 16, 2021.

Discussions with the legal counsels for the State Senate and the Minority Caucus led to finalization of the decision to use the statewide partisan election results for the previous ten years the basis for satisfying the Constitutional requirement to link voting results to precinct geography. Linkage of these datasets will modification of using the Secretary of State's (SoS) election results spreadsheet files from the SOS website. There are two elements to this modification that allows the precinct-level voting results to link with GIS shapefile geography. First, we assured that county and precinct numerical codes were fully consistent with the same codes for these geographies in the geography shapefiles. Second, we revised long field names in the election results datasets to fit the 10-character limit for fields in GIS shapefiles. A data dictionary was prepared that will accompany delivery of the revised files to clearly explain the field modifications.

#### Projected Activities Going Forward

Over the next month, the GVS will continue to check the accuracy of the geography files and prepare a summary of differences between the geographic files sent to the Census bureau in March 202 and those returned as final in January 2021, and the magnitude of effect, if any. We are also preparing quality assurance routines to determine that the population data is consistent between various geographic and political units across the PL94-171 dataset, once it is obtained.

We have been invited and will participate in a technical redistricting panel discussion at the Boards of Elections Summer Conference on June 8, 2021.

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All:

Please find attached an updated working schedule of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. We continue to fill in details and will recirculate a finalized version by the end of the week (all dates, times, and general locations are confirmed, however).

We would appreciate if you let us know by Friday morning if your respective Commission member plans on attend any of the hearings, or if they plan on sending a designee, so that we can prepare name plates in advance and advise university site hosts appropriately.

Sincerely,  
Heather Blessing

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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE  
(INTERNAL)**

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**Monday, August 23, 2021**

9:30AM – Cleveland Cleveland State University  
12:30PM Student Center, Room SC311 (Ballroom, 3rd Floor)  
2121 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

9:30AM – Dayton Sinclair Community College  
12:30PM 444 West Third Street  
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12:30PM Campus Center  
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2:30PM – Rio Grande Rio Grande Community College  
5:30PM 218 N. College Ave,  
Rio Grande, OH 45674

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**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

9:30AM – Lima Ohio State University – Lima  
12:30PM Life Science Building, Room 100  
4240 Campus Drive  
Lima, Ohio 45804

**Map:** <https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html>

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**Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

9:30AM – 12:30PM	Akron	<p>University of Akron 302 E. Buchtel Avenue Akron, Ohio 44325</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b></p>	<p>Matthew Akers Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations, Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics (330) 972-4933 (Office) (330) 972-4933 (Mobile) akers1@uakron.edu</p>
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Please find attached a finalized public schedule. Attached are all of the maps which should accompany the public schedule as well.

Also attached is an (almost) finalized internal schedule. I'm still waiting to hear back from some of the caucuses on what members and staff will be attending, and there are some non-public details on the internal schedule from the universities to be confirmed on the host site end.

Sincerely,  
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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE  
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Time	Location Details	Estimated Drive Time	Host Site Contact	Members/Designees	Legislative Staff Attendees
<b>Monday, August 23, 2021 (Cleveland/Youngstown)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Cleveland State University Student Center, Ballroom 311 (3rd Floor) 2121 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus">https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Parking is available in the Student Center Garage, which can be accessed by heading north on E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Euclid. The elevators are located on southwest portion of the garage that will take guests directly into the Student Center or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Ballroom.</p>	Downtown Columbus to Cleveland State: 2 hours 6 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Gayle Kish (440) 220-2040 (Mobile)</p> <p>Barbara L. Kakiris Deputy Chief of Staff &amp; Senior Director of Presidential Initiatives <a href="mailto:b.kakiris@csuohio.edu">b.kakiris@csuohio.edu</a> (216) 687-3521 (Office) (216) 304-9876 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matthew J. Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Scott Oelslager (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Sen. Theresa Gavarone (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p>Heather Blessing (614) 352-5819</p> <p>David Reedy (614) 906-6814</p>
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2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Cincinnati 1819 Innovation Hub 2900 Reading Road, Room 230 Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf">https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf</a>  <b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html">https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html</a>  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety.html">https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety.html</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> A representative of the university TBD will give an opening welcome.	Downtown Columbus to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road): 1 hour 36 minutes  Sinclair Community College to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road: 57 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Patty Moser Director of Experience and Events (303) 513-0300 (Mobile)  Cara Kramer <a href="mailto:cara.kramer@uc.edu">cara.kramer@uc.edu</a> , (513) 368-3739 (Mobile)  Anthony Aquillo (614) 221-0971 (Office) (937) 243-0454 (Mobile)  Julianne Waldron <a href="mailto:waldrojn@ucmail.uc.edu">waldrojn@ucmail.uc.edu</a>  Karen Ryan <a href="mailto:ryan2k5@ucmail.uc.edu">ryan2k5@ucmail.uc.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)  Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)  Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (for President Huffman)	Sheila Boehner (419) 773-9667  Melissa Sandt (330) 933-5662
<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (Zanesville/Rio Grande)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio University – Zanesville Campus Center, Rooms 430-431 1425 Newark Road Zanesville, OH 43701	Downtown Columbus to OU-Zanesville: 58 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Gail Hayes Executive Assistant to the Dean Ohio University Zanesville Campus	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)	Heather Blessing (614) 352-5819  David Reedy (614) 906-6814

	<p><b>Maps &amp; Parking:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map">https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive">https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Hannah Nissen, Dean of Campus and Community Relations will be doing the welcome.</p>		<p>(740) 588-1434 (Office)  (740) 624-7015 (Mobile)  <a href="mailto:HayesG@ohio.edu">HayesG@ohio.edu</a></p> <p>Steve Fraunfelter (IT/Tech Issues)  (740) 260-1229 (Cell)</p>	<p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Rio Grande Community College  Bob Evans Farms Hall, Room 218 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  67 Bevo Francis Way  Rio Grande, OH 45674</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf">https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Public Parking:</b> Public parking is available directly in front of the building. No special permit required.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Policy:</b> Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask while on campus. Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask. When social distancing cannot be maintained, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.</p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b></p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to Rio Grande Community College: 1 hour 35 minutes</p> <p>OU-Zanesville to Rio Grande Community College: 2 hours 9 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>  Rebecca Long  Chief Operating Officer &amp; Vice-President of Student Affairs  (740) 245-7376 (Office)  (740) 645-1417 (Cell)  <a href="mailto:rlthomas@rio.edu">rlthomas@rio.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p>	<p>Heather Blessing  (614) 352-5819</p> <p>Marcus Benjamin  (419) 575-2663</p>



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<b>Thursday, August 26, 2021 (Lima/Toledo)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Lima Life Science Building, Room 100 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html">https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html</a></p> <p><b>Details:</b> The Life Science Building is Building 10 on the map. Park in Lot F or G and enter the building through the east entrance. Room 100 is on the north side of the building.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> n/a</p>	Downtown Columbus to OSU-Lima: 1 hour 25 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Bryan Albright Assistant Dean of Student and Community Engagement (567) 242-7274 (Office) (419) 438-1920 (Cell) <a href="mailto:albright.34@osu.edu">albright.34@osu.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>President Matt Huffman (or designee)</p>	<p>Sheila Boehner (419) 773-9667</p> <p>Frank Strigari (614) 204-0016</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>University of Toledo Libbey Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 2110 Campus Drive Toledo, Ohio 43606</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf">https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf</a></p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to University of Toledo: 2 hours 29 minutes</p> <p>OSU-Lima to University of Toledo: 1 hour 18 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Eli Faes Director, State Relations Government Relations 614.559.1918 (office) 614.975.2947 (cell) <a href="mailto:eli.faes@utoledo.edu">eli.faes@utoledo.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p>	<p>Sheila Boehner (419) 773-9667</p> <p>David Reedy (614) 906-6814</p>

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<b>Friday, August 27, 2021 (Akron/Mansfield)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>University of Akron          Quaker Station, Ballroom          1200 Mill Street          Akron, Ohio 44308</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings">https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in the parking lot (circled in green) adjacent to Quaker Station (circled in yellow) on the Quaker Station Map. The University will have an attendant on duty with 10 reserved spaces for Commission members or their designees. President Gary Miller will provide a welcome statement.</p>	Downtown Columbus to University of Akron: 1 hour 55 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>          Matthew Akers          Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations,          Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics          (330) 972-4933 (Office)          (330) 972-4933 (Mobile)          akers1@uakron.edu</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)</p>	<p>Heather Blessing          (614) 352-5819</p> <p>David Reedy          (614) 906-6814</p>

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2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Mansfield Riedel Hall, Room 151 1760 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html">https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Free parking is available at Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the map.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Dean Norman Jones will be offering a welcome statement.</p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>University of Akron to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 6 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Norman Jones, Dean Jones2376@osu.edu (419) 755-4222 (Office) (419) 989-3267 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Co-Chair Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Beth Liston (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p>Heather Blessing (614) 352-5819</p> <p>Marcus Benjamin (419) 575-2663</p>

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9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>University of Akron Quaker Station, Ballroom 1200 Mill Street Akron, Ohio 44308</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings">https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings</a></p>
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All:

Attached is the updated internal schedule for the redistricting meetings.

Additions – minor grammar corrections, update maps, additional contacts, staff and attendees updated.

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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
**Regional Hearing Schedule (Internal)**  
 General Public Schedule: <https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/meetings>

Time	Location Details	Estimated Drive Time	Host Site Contact	Members/Designees	Legislative Staff Attendees (contact info below)
<b>Monday, August 23, 2021 (Cleveland/Youngstown)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Cleveland State University            Student Center, Ballroom 311 (3rd Floor)            2121 Euclid Avenue            Cleveland, Ohio 44115</p> <p><b>Map:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus">https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Parking is available in the Student Center Garage, which can be accessed by heading north on E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Euclid. The elevators are located on southwest portion of the garage that will take guests directly into the Student Center or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Ballroom.</p>	Downtown Columbus to Cleveland State: 2 hours 6 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>            Gayle Kish            (440) 220-2040 (Mobile)</p> <p>Barbara L. Kakiris            Deputy Chief of Staff &amp;            Senior Director of            Presidential Initiatives  <a href="mailto:b.kakiris@csuohio.edu">b.kakiris@csuohio.edu</a>            (216) 687-3521 (Office)            (216) 304-9876 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matthew J. Donahue,            Chief Legal Counsel            (designee for Governor            Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or            designee)</p> <p>Merle Madrid, Chief of            Staff (designee for            Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or            designee)</p> <p>Rep. Scott Oelslager            (designee for Speaker            Cupp)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or            designee)</p> <p>Sen. Theresa Gavarone            (designee for President            Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>            Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>            David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b>            Trae Leak            Randall Routt            Kate Osterback</p> <p><b>House D</b>            Sam Herd            Autumn Mitchell</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Youngstown State University            Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)            117 University Plaza            Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0002</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/campus-map">https://ysu.edu/campus-map</a></p>	Downtown Columbus to Youngstown State: 2 hours 37 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>            Jackie LeViseur            Director of University            Events            Youngstown State            University</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief            Legal Counsel (designee            for Governor Mike            DeWine)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>            Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>            David Reedy</p>



	<p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor">https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor</a>. The public may use Lot M81 (cost is \$5 per car).</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information">https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> President Jim Tressel will providing a formal welcome at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	Cleveland State to Youngstown State: 1 hour 13 minutes	<p><a href="mailto:jmlevis@ysu.edu">jmlevis@ysu.edu</a> (330) 941-2136 (Office) (330) 397-2486 (Cell)</p> <p>Cynthia M. Bell Executive Assistant to the President <a href="mailto:cmbell02@ysu.edu">cmbell02@ysu.edu</a> (330) 941-3102 (Office)</p>	<p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Tim Ginter (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Kirk Schuring (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>Senate D</b> Trac Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Autumn Mitchell</p>
<b>Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (Dayton/Cincinnati)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Sinclair Community College Sinclair Conference Center (Building 12) Charity Auditorium (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 444 West Third Street (Corner of Perry and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street) Dayton, Ohio 45402</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a>.</li> <li><a href="https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%202018.pdf">https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%202018.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Downtown Columbus to Sinclair Community College: 1 hour 5 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Kary Iddings <a href="mailto:Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu">Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 723-0055 (Mobile)</p> <p>Adam Murka Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff of the President's Office <a href="mailto:adam.murka@sinclair.edu">adam.murka@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 512-2947 (Office) (937) 321-5400 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Phil Plummer (for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Goran Babic</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trac Leak Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio</p>

	<b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/">https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street.			Rep. Kristin Boggs (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Cincinnati 1819 Innovation Hub 2900 Reading Road, Room 230 Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf">https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf</a>  <b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html">https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html</a>  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> j	Downtown Columbus to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road): 1 hour 36 minutes  Sinclair Community College to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road: 57 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Patty Moser Director of Experience and Events patty@blueeyesconsulting.com (303) 513-0300 (Mobile)  Cara Kramer cara.kramer@uc.edu, (513) 368-3739 (Mobile)  Anthony Aquillo (614) 221-0971 (Office) (937) 243-0454 (Mobile)  Julianne Waldron waldrojn@ucmail.uc.edu  Karen Ryan ryan2k5@ucmail.uc.edu	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)  Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Tom Brinkman ( designee for Speaker Cupp)  Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (for President Huffman)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner  <b>Senate R</b> Melissa Sandt  <b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt Trae Leak  <b>House R</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio
<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (Zanesville/Rio Grande)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio University – Zanesville Campus Center, Rooms 430-431 1425 Newark Road Zanesville, OH 43701	Downtown Columbus to OU-Zanesville: 58 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Gail Hayes Executive Assistant to the Dean	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)	<b>House R</b> Heather Blessing  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy

	<p><b>Maps &amp; Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map">https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive">https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Hannah Nissen, Dean of Campus and Community Relations will be doing the welcome.</p>		<p>Ohio University Zanesville Campus (740) 588-1434 (Office) (740) 624-7015 (Mobile) <a href="mailto:HayesGi@ohio.edu">HayesGi@ohio.edu</a></p> <p>Steve Fraunfelter (IT/Tech Issues) <a href="mailto:steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu">steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu</a> (740) 260-1229 (Cell)</p>	<p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>Senate D</b> Scott Stockman Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Sarah Cherry</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Rio Grande Community College Bob Evans Farms Hall, Room 218 (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 67 Bevo Francis Way Rio Grande, OH 45674</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf">https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Public Parking:</b> Public parking is available directly in front of the building. No special permit required.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Policy:</b> Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask while on campus. Vaccinated individuals are not required to mask. When social distancing cannot be maintained, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.</p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b></p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to Rio Grande Community College: 1 hour 35 minutes</p> <p>OU-Zanesville to Rio Grande Community College: 2 hours 9 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Rebecca Long Chief Operating Officer &amp; Vice-President of Student Affairs (740) 245-7376 (Office) (740) 645-1417 (Cell) <a href="mailto:rlthomas@rio.edu">rlthomas@rio.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Mallory Golski Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Autumn Mitchell Sarah Cherry</p>

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<b>Thursday, August 26, 2021 (Lima/Toledo)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio State University – Lima Life Science Building, Room 100 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html">https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html</a>  <b>Details:</b> The Life Science Building is Building 10 on the map. Park in Lot F or G and enter the building through the east entrance. Room 100 is on the north side of the building.  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> n/a	Downtown Columbus to OSU-Lima: 1 hour 25 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Bryan Albright Assistant Dean of Student and Community Engagement (567) 242-7274 (Office) (419) 438-1920 (Cell) <a href="mailto:albright.34@osu.edu">albright.34@osu.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)  Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)  Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)  President Matt Huffman (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner Paul DiSantis  <b>Senate R</b> Frank Strigari  <b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak  <b>House R</b> Sam Herd Sarah Cherry Andy DiPalma
2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Toledo Libbey Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 2110 Campus Drive Toledo, Ohio 43606  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf">https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf</a>	Downtown Columbus to University of Toledo: 2 hours 29 minutes  OSU-Lima to University of Toledo: 1 hour 18 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Eli Faes Director, State Relations Government Relations 614.559.1918 (office) 614.975.2947 (cell) <a href="mailto:eli.faes@utoledo.edu">eli.faes@utoledo.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy  <b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak



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<b>Friday, August 27, 2021 (Akron/Mansfield)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>University of Akron  Quaker Station, Ballroom  1200 Mill Street  Akron, Ohio 44308</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings">https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in the parking lot (circled in green) adjacent to Quaker Station (circled in yellow) on the Quaker Station Map. The University will have an attendant on duty with 10 reserved spaces for Commission members or their designees. President Gary Miller will provide a welcome statement.</p>	Downtown Columbus to University of Akron: 1 hour 55 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>  Matthew Akers  Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations,  Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics  (330) 972-4933 (Office)  (330) 972-4933 (Mobile)  akers1@uakron.edu</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>  Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>  David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b>  Trae Leak  Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b>  Andy DiPalma  Larry Gunter</p>

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2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Mansfield Riedl Hall, Room 151 1760 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html">https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Free parking is available at Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the map.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Dean Norman Jones will be offering a welcome statement.</p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>University of Akron to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 6 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Norman Jones, Dean Jones.2376@osu.edu (419) 755-4222 (Office) (419) 989-3267 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Co-Chair Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Beth Liston (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Mallory Golski</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sam Herd Larry Gunter</p>

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Please find attached the updated internal schedule as of 8/22/2021. Changes include additions of House Speaker designees and other administrative details (no location changes). Please note that parking at Cleveland State University on Monday, 8/23 is \$10 for four hours.

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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
**Regional Hearing Schedule (Internal)**  
 General Public Schedule: <https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/meetings>

Time	Location Details	Estimated Drive Time	Host Site Contact	Members/Designees	Legislative Staff Attendees (contact info below)
<b>Monday, August 23, 2021 (Cleveland/Youngstown)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Cleveland State University            Student Center, Ballroom 311 (3rd Floor)            2121 Euclid Avenue            Cleveland, Ohio 44115</p> <p><b>Map:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus">https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Parking is available in the Student Center Garage, which can be accessed by heading north on E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Euclid. The elevators are located on southwest portion of the garage that will take guests directly into the Student Center or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Ballroom. Parking for 4 hours is \$10.</p>	Downtown Columbus to Cleveland State: 2 hours 6 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>            Gayle Kish            (440) 220-2040 (Mobile)</p> <p>Barbara L. Kakiris            Deputy Chief of Staff &amp;            Senior Director of            Presidential Initiatives  <a href="mailto:b.kakiris@csuohio.edu">b.kakiris@csuohio.edu</a>            (216) 687-3521 (Office)            (216) 304-9876 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matthew J. Donahue,            Chief Legal Counsel            (designee for Governor            Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or            designee)</p> <p>Merle Madrid, Chief of            Staff (designee for            Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or            designee)</p> <p>Rep. Scott Oelslager            (designee for Speaker            Cupp)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or            designee)</p> <p>Sen. Theresa Gavarone            (designee for President            Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>            Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>            David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b>            Tracie Leak            Randall Routt            Kate Osterback</p> <p><b>House D</b>            Sam Herd            Autumn Mitchell</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Youngstown State University            Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)            117 University Plaza            Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0002</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/campus-map">https://ysu.edu/campus-map</a></p>	Downtown Columbus to Youngstown State: 2 hours 37 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>            Jackie LeViseur            Director of University            Events            Youngstown State            University</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief            Legal Counsel (designee            for Governor Mike            DeWine)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>            Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>            David Reedy</p>

	<p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor">https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor</a>. The public may use Lot M81 (cost is \$5 per car).</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information">https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> President Jim Tressel will providing a formal welcome at the beginning of the meeting. Parking has been reserved for Commission members and their designees in the F1 lot (see YSU "Customized" map).</p>	Cleveland State to Youngstown State: 1 hour 13 minutes	<p><a href="mailto:jmlevis@ysu.edu">jmlevis@ysu.edu</a> (330) 941-2136 (Office) (330) 397-2486 (Cell)</p> <p>Cynthia M. Bell Executive Assistant to the President <a href="mailto:cmbell02@ysu.edu">cmbell02@ysu.edu</a> (330) 941-3102 (Office)</p>	<p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Tim Ginter (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Kirk Schuring (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>Senate D</b> Trac Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Autumn Mitchell</p>
<b>Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (Dayton/Cincinnati)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Sinclair Community College Sinclair Conference Center (Building 12) Charity Auditorium (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 444 West Third Street (Corner of Perry and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street) Dayton, Ohio 45402</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a>.</li> <li><a href="https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%202018.pdf">https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%202018.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Downtown Columbus to Sinclair Community College: 1 hour 5 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Kary Iddings <a href="mailto:Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu">Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 723-0055 (Mobile)</p> <p>Adam Murka Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff of the President's Office <a href="mailto:adam.murka@sinclair.edu">adam.murka@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 512-2947 (Office) (937) 321-5400 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Phil Plummer (for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Goran Babic</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trac Leak Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio</p>

	<b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/">https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street.			Rep. Kristin Boggs (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Cincinnati 1819 Innovation Hub 2900 Reading Road, Room 230 Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf">https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf</a>  <b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html">https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html</a>  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety/facial-coverings.html">https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety/facial-coverings.html</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Please refer to the “1819 Innovation Hub Map.” Parking for events is available in the fenced lot immediately south of the 1819 Innovation Hub on Reading Road. Entrance to this lot is at the center of the fence along Reading and parkers should use the north end of the lot, the end nearest 1819. Enter the building through the south entrance. Parking in this lot is free for event attendees.	Downtown Columbus to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road): 1 hour 36 minutes  Sinclair Community College to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road): 57 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Patty Moser Director of Experience and Events patty@blueeyesconsulting.com (303) 513-0300 (Mobile)  Cara Kramer cara.kramer@uc.edu, (513) 368-3739 (Mobile)  Anthony Aquillo (614) 221-0971 (Office) (937) 243-0454 (Mobile)  Julianne Waldron waldrojn@ucmail.uc.edu  Karen Ryan ryan2k5@ucmail.uc.edu	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)  Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Tom Brinkman (designee for Speaker Cupp)  Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (for President Huffman)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner  <b>Senate R</b> Melissa Sandt  <b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt Trae Leak  <b>House R</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio
<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (Zanesville/Rio Grande)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio University – Zanesville Campus Center, Rooms 430-431 1425 Newark Road Zanesville, OH 43701	Downtown Columbus to OU-Zanesville: 58 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Gail Hayes Executive Assistant to the Dean	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)	<b>House R</b> Heather Blessing  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy

	<p><b>Maps &amp; Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map">https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive">https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Hannah Nissen, Dean of Campus and Community Relations will be doing the welcome.</p>		<p>Ohio University Zanesville Campus (740) 588-1434 (Office) (740) 624-7015 (Mobile) <a href="mailto:HayesGi@ohio.edu">HayesGi@ohio.edu</a></p> <p>Steve Fraunfelter (IT/Tech Issues) <a href="mailto:steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu">steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu</a> (740) 260-1229 (Cell)</p>	<p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jay Edwards (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>Senate D</b> Scott Stockman Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Sarah Cherry</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Rio Grande Community College Bob Evans Farms Hall, Room 218 (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 67 Bevo Francis Way Rio Grande, OH 45674</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf">https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Public Parking:</b> Public parking is available directly in front of the building. No special permit required.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Policy:</b> Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask while on campus. Vaccinated individuals are not required to mask. When social distancing cannot be maintained, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.</p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b></p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to Rio Grande Community College: 1 hour 35 minutes</p> <p>OU-Zanesville to Rio Grande Community College: 2 hours 9 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Rebecca Long Chief Operating Officer &amp; Vice-President of Student Affairs (740) 245-7376 (Office) (740) 645-1417 (Cell) <a href="mailto:rlthomas@rio.edu">rlthomas@rio.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jason Stephens (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Mallory Golski Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Autumn Mitchell Sarah Cherry</p>



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<b>Thursday, August 26, 2021 (Lima/Toledo)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio State University – Lima Life Science Building, Room 100 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html">https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html</a>  <b>Details:</b> The Life Science Building is Building 10 on the map. Park in Lot F or G and enter the building through the east entrance. Room 100 is on the north side of the building.  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> See parking information above.	Downtown Columbus to OSU-Lima: 1 hour 25 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Bryan Albright Assistant Dean of Student and Community Engagement (567) 242-7274 (Office) (419) 438-1920 (Cell) <a href="mailto:albright.34@osu.edu">albright.34@osu.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)  Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)  Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)  President Matt Huffman (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner Paul DiSantis  <b>Senate R</b> Frank Strigari  <b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak  <b>House R</b> Sam Herd Sarah Cherry Andy DiPalma
2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Toledo Libbey Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 2110 Campus Drive Toledo, Ohio 43606  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf">https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf</a>	Downtown Columbus to University of Toledo: 2 hours 29 minutes  OSU-Lima to University of Toledo: 1 hour 18 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Eli Faes Director, State Relations Government Relations 614.559.1918 (office) 614.975.2947 (cell) <a href="mailto:eli.faes@utoledo.edu">eli.faes@utoledo.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy  <b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak

	<p><b>Parking:</b> Parking will be in Lot 13 (via Campus Road). Overflow parking will be via the Main entrance Lot 1N &amp; 1S. They will not be ticketing.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.utoledo.edu/coronavirus/">https://www.utoledo.edu/coronavirus/</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> After entering campus off Bancroft Street, turn right at the first road/alley on the right. 9 spots have been reserved for Commission members.</p>			<p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jim Hoops (designee of Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Theresa Gavarone (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House D</b> Sarah Cherry Autumn Mitchell</p>
<b>Friday, August 27, 2021 (Akron/Mansfield)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>University of Akron Quaker Station, Ballroom 1200 Mill Street Akron, Ohio 44308</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings">https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in the parking lot (circled in green) adjacent to Quaker Station (circled in yellow) on the Quaker Station Map. The University will have an attendant on duty with 10 reserved spaces for Commission members or their designees. President Gary Miller will provide a welcome statement.</p>	Downtown Columbus to University of Akron: 1 hour 55 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Matthew Akers Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations, Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics (330) 972-4933 (Office) (330) 972-4933 (Mobile) akers1@uakron.edu</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Bill Roemer (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Larry Gunter</p>

				Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)  Sen. Kirk Schuring (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Mansfield Riedl Hall, Room 151 1760 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html">https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Free parking is available at Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the map.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Dean Norman Jones will be offering a welcome statement.</p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>University of Akron to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 6 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Norman Jones, Dean <a href="mailto:Jones.2376@osu.edu">Jones.2376@osu.edu</a> (419) 755-4222 (Office) (419) 989-3267 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Co-Chair Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Robert Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Beth Liston (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Mallory Golski</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sam Herd Larry Gunter</p>

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Please find attached the updated internal schedule:

Changes:

- Address corrected for Akron location (120 East Mill Street)
- House Republican staff for Friday

**Akron Location Details:** Park in the parking lot (circled in green) adjacent to Quaker Station (circled in yellow) on the Quaker Station Map. The University will have an attendant on duty with 10 reserved spaces for Commission members or their designees (and co-chair staff for set-up purposes). President Gary Miller will provide a welcome statement.

**Mansfield Location Details:** Free parking is available at Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the map.

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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
**Regional Hearing Schedule (Internal)**  
 General Public Schedule: <https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/meetings>

Time	Location Details	Estimated Drive Time	Host Site Contact	Members/Designees	Legislative Staff Attendees (contact info below)
<b>Monday, August 23, 2021 (Cleveland/Youngstown)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Cleveland State University Student Center, Ballroom 311 (3rd Floor) 2121 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/media/about_cs_u/documents/campusmap.pdf</a>  <b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf">https://www.csuohio.edu/sites/default/files/170719_CSU_GO_Transportation_Guide_Map_FINAL_83017.pdf</a>  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus">https://www.csuohio.edu/safe-campus/safe-campus</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Parking is available in the Student Center Garage, which can be accessed by heading north on E. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street from Euclid. The elevators are located on southwest portion of the garage that will take guests directly into the Student Center or 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor Ballroom. Parking for 4 hours is \$10.	Downtown Columbus to Cleveland State: 2 hours 6 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Gayle Kish (440) 220-2040 (Mobile)  Barbara L. Kakiris Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Director of Presidential Initiatives <a href="mailto:b.kakiris@csuohio.edu">b.kakiris@csuohio.edu</a> (216) 687-3521 (Office) (216) 304-9876 (Mobile)	Matthew J. Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)  Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Rep. Scott Oelslager (designee for Speaker Cupp)  Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)  Sen. Theresa Gavarone (designee for President Matt Huffman)	<b>House R</b> Heather Blessing  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy  <b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt Kate Osterback  <b>House D</b> Sam Herd Autumn Mitchell
2:30PM – 5:30PM	Youngstown State University Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) 117 University Plaza Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0002  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/campus-map">https://ysu.edu/campus-map</a>	Downtown Columbus to Youngstown State: 2 hours 37 minutes  Cleveland State to Youngstown State: 1 hour 13 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Jackie LeViseur Director of University Events Youngstown State University <a href="mailto:jmleviseur@ysu.edu">jmleviseur@ysu.edu</a>	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Heather Blessing  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy  <b>Senate D</b>

	<p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor">https://ysu.edu/parking-services/campus-visitor</a>. The public may use Lot M81 (cost is \$5 per car).</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information">https://ysu.edu/coronavirus-information</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> President Jim Tressel will providing a formal welcome at the beginning of the meeting. Parking has been reserved for Commission members and their designees in the F1 lot (see YSU "Customized" map).</p>		<p>(330) 941-2136 (Office) (330) 397-2486 (Cell)</p> <p>Cynthia M. Bell Executive Assistant to the President <a href="mailto:cmbell02@ysu.edu">cmbell02@ysu.edu</a> (330) 941-3102 (Office)</p>	<p>Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Tim Ginter (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Kirk Schuring (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p>Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Autumn Mitchell</p>
<b>Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (Dayton/Cincinnati)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Sinclair Community College Sinclair Conference Center (Building 12) Charity Auditorium (1<sup>st</sup> floor) 444 West Third Street (Corner of Perry and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street) Dayton, Ohio 45402</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton">https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/#dayton</a>.</li> <li><a href="https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%20202018.pdf">https://workforce.sinclair.edu/WorkforceDev/assets/File/Sinclair%20Conference%20Center%20-%20Driving%20Directions%20-%20202018.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Downtown Columbus to Sinclair Community College: 1 hour 5 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Kary Iddings <a href="mailto:Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu">Kary.iddings@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 723-0055 (Mobile)</p> <p>Adam Murka Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff of the President's Office <a href="mailto:adam.murka@sinclair.edu">adam.murka@sinclair.edu</a> (937) 512-2947 (Office) (937) 321-5400 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Phil Plummer (for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Goran Babic</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio</p>



	<b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/">https://www.sinclair.edu/services/conduct-safety/public-safety/coronavirus/personal-protection/</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in Lot C, located underneath the conference center. The entrance to the parking lot is on West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street.			Rep. Kristin Boggs (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	University of Cincinnati 1819 Innovation Hub 2900 Reading Road, Room 230 Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  <b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf">https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/common/docs/maps/campus_map_uptown.pdf</a>  <b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html">https://www.uc.edu/about/parking/visitors/uptown.html</a>  <b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety/facial-coverings.html">https://www.uc.edu/publichealth/campus-safety/facial-coverings.html</a>  <b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Please refer to the “1819 Innovation Hub Map.”	Downtown Columbus to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road): 1 hour 36 minutes  Sinclair Community College to University of Cincinnati (Reading Road: 57 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Patty Moser Director of Experience and Events patty@blueeyesconsulting.com (303) 513-0300 (Mobile)  Cara Kramer cara.kramer@uc.edu, (513) 368-3739 (Mobile)  Anthony Aquillo (614) 221-0971 (Office) (937) 243-0454 (Mobile)  Julianne Waldron waldrojn@ucmail.uc.edu  Karen Ryan ryan2k5@ucmail.uc.edu	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)  Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)  Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)  Tom Brinkman (designee for Speaker Cupp)  Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Louis Blessing (for President Huffman)	<b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner  <b>Senate R</b> Melissa Sandt  <b>Senate D</b> Trac Leak Randall Routt Trac Leak  <b>House R</b> Sarah Cherry Nick Muccio
<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021 (Zanesville/Rio Grande)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Ohio University – Zanesville Campus Center, Rooms 430-431 1425 Newark Road Zanesville, OH 43701  <b>Maps &amp; Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map">https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/about/map</a>	Downtown Columbus to OU-Zanesville: 58 minutes	<b>Day-of contact:</b> Gail Hayes Executive Assistant to the Dean Ohio University Zanesville Campus (740) 588-1434 (Office)	Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)  Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)	<b>House R</b> Heather Blessing  <b>Senate R</b> David Reedy  <b>Senate D</b>

	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive">https://www.ohio.edu/coronavirus/presidential-health-directive</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Hannah Nissen, Dean of Campus and Community Relations will be doing the welcome.</p>		<p>(740) 624-7015 (Mobile)  <a href="mailto:HayesG@ohio.edu">HayesG@ohio.edu</a></p> <p>Steve Fraunfelter (IT/Tech Issues)  <a href="mailto:steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu">steve.fraunfelter@ohio.edu</a>  (740) 260-1229 (Cell)</p>	<p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jay Edwards (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p> <p>Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p>Scott Stockman  Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b>  Andy DiPalma  Sarah Cherry</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Rio Grande Community College  Bob Evans Farms Hall, Room 218 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  67 Bevo Francis Way  Rio Grande, OH 45674</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf">https://www.rio.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CampusMap.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Public Parking:</b> Public parking is available directly in front of the building. No special permit required.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Policy:</b> Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask while on campus. Vaccinated individuals are not required to mask. When social distancing cannot be maintained, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.</p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The front row of parking in front of Bob Evans Farms Hall will be blocked off and reserved for commission members only.</li> </ul>	<p>Downtown Columbus to Rio Grande Community College: 1 hour 35 minutes</p> <p>OU-Zanesville to Rio Grande Community College: 2 hours 9 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b>  Rebecca Long  Chief Operating Officer &amp; Vice-President of Student Affairs  (740) 245-7376 (Office)  (740) 645-1417 (Cell)  <a href="mailto:rlthomas@rio.edu">rlthomas@rio.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Jason Stephens (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b>  Heather Blessing</p> <p><b>Senate R</b>  Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b>  Mallory Golski  Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House D</b>  Autumn Mitchell  Sarah Cherry</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Ryan Smith will provide a formal welcome.</li> </ul>			Rep. Jessica Miranda (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)  Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
<b>Thursday, August 26, 2021 (Lima/Toledo)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Lima Life Science Building, Room 100 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html">https://lima.osu.edu/aboutus/campus-maps-and-directions.html</a></p> <p><b>Details:</b> The Life Science Building is Building 10 on the map. Park in Lot F or G and enter the building through the east entrance. Room 100 is on the north side of the building.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> See parking information above.</p>	Downtown Columbus to OSU-Lima: 1 hour 25 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Bryan Albright Assistant Dean of Student and Community Engagement (567) 242-7274 (Office) (419) 438-1920 (Cell) <a href="mailto:albright.34@osu.edu">albright.34@osu.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Chris Olivetti, Director of Legislative Affairs (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Bob Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>President Matt Huffman (or designee)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner Paul DiSantis</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Frank Strigari</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak</p> <p><b>House R</b> Sam Herd Sarah Cherry Andy DiPalma</p>
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>University of Toledo Libbey Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 2110 Campus Drive Toledo, Ohio 43606</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf">https://www.utoledo.edu/campus/directions/pdfs/Main-Campus-Map.pdf</a></p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to University of Toledo: 2 hours 29 minutes</p> <p>OSU-Lima to University of Toledo: 1 hour 18 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Eli Faes Director, State Relations Government Relations 614.559.1918 (office) 614.975.2947 (cell) <a href="mailto:eli.faes@utoledo.edu">eli.faes@utoledo.edu</a></p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Sheila Boehner</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Mike Rowe Trae Leak</p>

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<b>Friday, August 27, 2021 (Akron/Mansfield)</b>					
9:30AM – 12:30PM	<p>University of Akron Quaker Station, Ballroom 120 Mill Street Akron, Ohio 44308</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://maps.uakron.edu/">https://maps.uakron.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot">https://www.uakron.edu/parking/visitors.dot</a></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b>  <a href="https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings">https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/face-coverings</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Park in the parking lot (circled in green) adjacent to Quaker Station (circled in yellow) on the Quaker Station Map. The University will have an attendant on duty with 10 reserved spaces for Commission members or their designees. President Gary Miller will provide a welcome statement.</p>	Downtown Columbus to University of Akron: 1 hour 55 minutes	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Matthew Akers Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations, Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics (330) 972-4933 (Office) (330) 972-4933 (Mobile) akers1@uakron.edu</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Alex Bilchak, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Auditor Keith Faber)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Sen. Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Bill Roemer (designee for Speaker Cupp)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Josh Sabo</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> David Reedy</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Randall Routt</p> <p><b>House D</b> Andy DiPalma Larry Gunter</p>

				Leader Emilia Sykes (or designee)  Sen. Kirk Schuring (designee for President Matt Huffman)	
2:30PM – 5:30PM	<p>Ohio State University – Mansfield Riedl Hall, Room 151 1760 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906</p> <p><b>Map:</b> <a href="https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html">https://mansfield.osu.edu/future-students/visit/campus-map.html</a></p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Free parking is available at Lots 3, 4, and 5 on the map.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Protocols/Policy:</b> <a href="https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene">https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/personal-protection-hygiene</a></p> <p><b>Location Details for Commission Members, Designees, and Staff:</b> Dean Norman Jones will be offering a welcome statement.</p>	<p>Downtown Columbus to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>University of Akron to OSU-Mansfield: 1 hour 6 minutes</p>	<p><b>Day-of contact:</b> Norman Jones, Dean <a href="mailto:Jones.2376@osu.edu">Jones.2376@osu.edu</a> (419) 755-4222 (Office) (419) 989-3267 (Mobile)</p>	<p>Matt Donahue, Chief Legal Counsel (designee for Governor Mike DeWine)</p> <p>Auditor Keith Faber (or designee)</p> <p>Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff (designee for Secretary Frank LaRose)</p> <p>Co-Chair Vernon Sykes (or designee)</p> <p>Speaker Robert Cupp (or designee)</p> <p>Rep. Beth Liston (designee for Leader Emilia Sykes)</p> <p>Sen. Jay Hottinger (designee for President Matt Huffman)</p>	<p><b>House R</b> Travis Butchello</p> <p><b>Senate R</b> Marcus Benjamin</p> <p><b>Senate D</b> Trae Leak Mallory Golski</p> <p><b>House D</b> Sam Herd Larry Gunter</p>

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## OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMISSION MEETING

**TO::** Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission

**FROM:** Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair  
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Room 313, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215

### AGENDA

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House Contact: Aaron Mulvey, 614-466-8759  
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Hello all,

On behalf of Co-chair Sykes and Co-chair Cupp, please see the attached memo to members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, which provides notice that the commission intends to vote to adopt rules as required by subsection (1)(B)(2)(a)(i) of Article XI of the Ohio Constitution at the meeting in Lima tomorrow Thursday, August 26.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

George

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TO: Ohio Redistricting Commission Members

FROM: Co-chair Vernon Sykes, State Senator  
Co-chair Speaker Bob Cupp

RE: Announcement of Vote on Commission Rules

DATE: August 25, 2021

This memo is to provide notice that the Ohio Redistricting Commission intends to vote to adopt rules, as required by subsection (1)(B)(2)(a)(i) of Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, at our meeting in Lima, Ohio on Thursday, August 26, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at the Lima branch of the Ohio State University, 4240 Campus Drive, Life Science Building, Room 100.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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## State Senator **VERNON SYKES, PhD.**

*Serving Ohio's 28th State Senate District*

TO: Ohio Redistricting Commission Members  
FROM: Co-chair Vernon Sykes, State Senator  
RE: Location of Toledo Regional Hearing  
DATE: August 24, 2021

This memo is to notify you that the location of the Toledo regional public hearing, scheduled for Thursday, August 26 from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., has been changed to the Main Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library at 325 N. Michigan St. in downtown Toledo (43604). The hearing will be in the library's McMaster Center. Parking is free in the garage, which is located under the library and accessible from Adams St. The media and members of the public are being notified of this change, as well as witnesses who have submitted testimony.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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As Notice has been sent that the proposed Rules for the Commission may be discussed and voted on at tomorrow morning's hearing in Lima, Secretary LaRose directed me to provide you with his proposed edits to the draft Rules.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about his suggested edits.



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(i) By mail to:

Ohio Redistricting Commission  
c/o Clerk of the Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

(ii) Or, by electronic mail to: [meetings@redistricting.ohio.gov](mailto:meetings@redistricting.ohio.gov)



(c) Be received forty-eight hours prior to any regularly scheduled meeting, specially scheduled meeting, or public hearing.

(C) In the event of a regularly scheduled meeting, specially scheduled meeting not of an emergency nature, or public hearing, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting or hearing by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of this rule not later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or hearing. In the event of a special meeting of an emergency nature, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of this rule. In such event, however, the notice need not be given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, but shall be given immediately upon the scheduling of such meeting.

### **Rule 03 | Open meetings.**

All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, section 121.22 of the Revised Code, as amended. All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.

### **Rule 04 | Officers; participation of members; minutes.**

(A) The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have two Co-Chairs selected by the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, acting jointly by political party to serve.

(B) Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be entitled to participate in all voting and debates, regardless of position held on the Commission.

(C) Minutes of each meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be maintained by the Co-Chairs' designated staff. Such minutes shall be circulated among the members and adopted by majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. Transcripts of meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be provided upon request and completion and verification through the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service.

### **Rule 05 | Calling of meetings.**

After the initial meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, at which the Commission is convened, a meeting of the Commission may be called upon twenty-four hours notice. Such call and notice to each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be issued jointly by the Co-Chairs, or may be dispensed with if a motion to recess a meeting designates a time certain for continuation of that meeting. However, a meeting may be jointly called by the Co-Chairs, upon proper notice, prior to a previously designated meeting, should the Co-Chairs deem it necessary.



**Rule 06 | Quorum.**

A majority of the seven members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission constitutes a quorum. A majority of the Ohio Redistricting Commission is required for any official actions of the Commission, including but not limited to the adoption of a plan of redistricting. All motions before the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be determined by majority vote and in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, and, if necessary, Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees may, from time to time, conduct public hearings referred to in Rule 08, absent a quorum of members.

**Rule 07 | Records retention and public records policies.**

(A) Pursuant to section 149.34 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt the Ohio department of administrative services general records retention schedules for general administration records, personnel records, fiscal records, and information technology records.

(B) Pursuant to division (E)(2) of section of 149.43 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt a public records policy.

**Rule 08 | Public hearings.**

The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall organize a series of public hearings in locations around the State of Ohio for the Ohio Redistricting Commission's members or their designees to receive public comment and input on the redistricting process. The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall notify the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees of the time, date, and location of each public hearing in the manner prescribed in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of Rule 02 and in no event less than twenty-four hours prior to each public hearing.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, or their designees, shall preside over these public hearings. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission need not be present at these public hearings. Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may designate an individual(s) to represent the member at any or all of these public hearings. Any individual so designated to represent a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have no voting rights. No official business or action of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall take place at the public hearings referred to in this rule, except for the receiving of public comment and input or adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission; provided that, the Co-Chairs must provide at least twenty-four hours written notice to the Commission members for there to be a vote on adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission.

The Co-Chairs shall make certain that proper decorum and civility is maintained throughout these public hearings. All persons coming before the Commission to speak should be allowed to speak without interference or disruption from others in attendance at the hearing. The Co-Chairs may direct that any person or persons who are disrupting the hearings, or who are hindering any other person's ability to address the Commission, be removed from the hearing room.

**Rule 09 | Redistricting plans.**

Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person, or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a proposed general assembly district plan. Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a congressional redistricting plan, following the expiration of the September 30, 2021 deadline in Article XIX, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution.

Redistricting plans submitted to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration should contain visual representations of the proposed boundaries. The Ohio Redistricting Commission's website shall give any person or organization access to necessary Census data.

Redistricting plans submitted by the public to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration shall be submitted on the Commission's website at:

[www.redistricting.ohio.gov](http://www.redistricting.ohio.gov)

or by mailing to:

Ohio Redistricting Commission  
c/o Clerk of the Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Upon receipt, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall promptly provide electronic notification of a submitted plan to all the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and cause each submitted plan to be posted on the Commission's website for the public to view.

**Rule 10 | Consideration of redistricting plans; adoption of plan.**

The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall reconvene during the week of August 29, 2021, to consider the various plans submitted to the Commission.

If no final general assembly district plan is adopted on or before September 1, 2021, as contemplated in Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, then as soon as is practicable after September 1, 2021, the Commission shall release to the public a proposed general assembly district plan. At least three public hearings shall be held on the proposed plan prior to the September 15, 2021 deadline. Following the public hearings, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall reconvene the week of September 12, 2021 to adopt a final general assembly district plan.

During the meeting or meetings of the commission, a sponsor of a plan may personally or through a representative present the substance of their plan to the members of the Redistricting Commission for a period not to exceed ten minutes, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The public may offer testimony or comment not to exceed five minutes on any redistricting plan before the commission, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The



co-chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may limit testimony or comments on plans before the Commission, as the Co-Chairs deem necessary.

Any person wishing to testify on a given plan must provide written notice to the Co-Chairs' designated staff prior to the meeting scheduled to consider the various plans submitted.

Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may ask questions of any person testifying on the various redistricting plans before the Commission during the meeting scheduled to consider these plans. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may request testimony from experts during this meeting.

Only members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments to a general assembly district plan or, if necessary, a congressional district plan.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments on behalf of those persons sponsoring redistricting plans who are not members of the Commission.

#### **Rule 11 | Publication of redistricting plan.**

After a final general assembly district plan is adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission and filed with the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall coordinate with the Governor for the publication of the adopted plan no later than September 30, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

If the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopts a congressional district plan in accordance with Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall publish the plan no later than November 15, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

#### **Rule 12 | Reconvening the Redistricting Commission.**

Should further action be necessary pursuant to either Article XI, Section 9 or Article XIX, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall reconvene at the joint request of the Co-Chairs subject to this chapter.

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All:

In follow-up to a conversation the legislative leaders had last week, we put together a proposed schedule (below and attached) of public hearings for the Ohio Redistricting Commission and have made initial inquiries to potential host sites. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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**2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION - PROPOSED REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday, August 23, 2021</b>		
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Cleveland	Cleveland State University 2121 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Youngstown	Youngstown State University 1 University Plaza Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0002
<b>Tuesday, August 24, 2021</b>		
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Dayton	Wright State University 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway Dayton, OH 45435
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Cincinnati	University of Cincinnati 2600 Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021</b>		
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Zanesville	Ohio University – Zanesville 1425 Newark Road

		Zanesville, OH 43701
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Community College 218 N. College Ave, Rio Grande, OH 45674
<b>Thursday, August 26, 2021</b>		
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Lima	Ohio State University – Lima 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Toledo	University of Toledo 2801 Bancroft Street Toledo, Ohio 43606

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2:00PM – 4:00PM	Toledo	University of Toledo 2801 Bancroft Street Toledo, Ohio 43606

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Sincerely,  
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(B) In the event of a regularly scheduled meeting, specially scheduled meeting not of an emergency nature, or public hearing, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting or hearing by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4) of this rule not later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or hearing. In the event of a special meeting of an emergency nature, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4) of this rule. In such event, however, the notice need not be given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, but shall be given immediately upon the scheduling of such meeting.

### **Rule 03 | Open meetings.**

All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, section 121.22 of the Revised Code, as amended. All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.

### **Rule 04 | Officers; participation of members; minutes.**

(A) The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have two Co-Chairs selected by the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, acting jointly by political party to serve.

(B) Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be entitled to participate in all voting and debates, regardless of position held on the Commission.

(C) Minutes of each meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be maintained by the Co-Chairs' designated staff. Such minutes shall be circulated among the members and adopted by majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. Transcripts and archived video of meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be provided upon request and completion and verification through the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service.

### **Rule 05 | Calling of meetings.**

After the initial meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, at which the Commission is convened, a meeting of the Commission may be called upon twenty-four-hours notice. Such call and notice to each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be issued jointly by the Co-Chairs, or may be dispensed with if a motion to recess a meeting designates a time certain for continuation of that meeting. However, a meeting may be jointly called by the Co-Chairs, upon proper notice, prior to a previously designated meeting, should the Co-Chairs deem it necessary.



**Rule 06 | Quorum.**

A majority of the seven members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission constitutes a quorum. A majority of the Ohio Redistricting Commission is required for any official actions of the Commission, including but not limited to the adoption of a plan of redistricting. All motions before the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be determined by majority vote and in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, and, if necessary, Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees may, from time to time, conduct public hearings referred to in Rule 08, absent a quorum of members.

**Rule 07 | Records retention and public records policies.**

(A) Pursuant to section 149.34 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt the Ohio department of administrative services general records retention schedules for general administration records, personnel records, fiscal records, and information technology records.

(B) Pursuant to division (E) of section of 149.43 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt a public records policy.

**Rule 08 | Public hearings on the process.**

The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall organize a series of public hearings in locations around the State of Ohio for the Ohio Redistricting Commission's members or their designees to receive public comment and input on the redistricting process. The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall notify the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees of the time, date, and location of each public hearing in the manner prescribed in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of Rule 02 and in no event less than twenty-four hours prior to each public hearing.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, or their designees, shall preside over these public hearings. Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may designate an individual(s) to represent the member at any or all of these public hearings. Any individual so designated to represent a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have no voting rights. No official business or action of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall take place at the public hearings referred to in this rule, except for the receiving of public comment and input or adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission; provided that, the Co-Chairs must provide at least twenty-four hours written notice to the Commission members for there to be a vote on adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission.

**Rule 09 | Redistricting plans.**

Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person, or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a proposed general assembly district plan. Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a congressional redistricting plan.



Redistricting plans submitted to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration should contain visual representations of the proposed boundaries. The Ohio Redistricting Commission's website shall give any person or organization access to necessary Census data.

Redistricting plans submitted by the public to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration shall be submitted on the Commission's website at:

[www.redistricting.ohio.gov](http://www.redistricting.ohio.gov)

or by mailing to:

Ohio Redistricting Commission  
c/o Clerk of the Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Upon receipt, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall promptly provide electronic notification of a submitted plan to all the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and cause each submitted plan to be posted on the Commission's website for the public to view.

**Rule 10 | Consideration of redistricting plans; adoption of plan.**

The Redistricting Commission shall hold no less than three hearings on three separate days after the Redistricting Commission introduces a proposed General Assembly district plan pursuant to Ohio Const. Art. XI, § 8(A)(1) but prior to adoption of a final plan.

During the meeting or meetings of the commission, a sponsor of a complete statewide general assembly district plan may personally or through a representative present the substance of their plan to the members of the Redistricting Commission for a period not to exceed ten minutes, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The public may offer testimony or comment not to exceed five minutes total on any redistricting plan before the commission, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The co-chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may limit testimony or comments on plans before the Commission, as the Co-Chairs deem necessary.

Any person wishing to testify on a given plan must provide written notice to the Co-Chairs' designated staff prior to the meeting scheduled to consider the various plans submitted.

Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may ask questions of any person testifying on the various redistricting plans before the Commission during the meeting scheduled to consider these plans. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may request testimony from experts during this meeting.

Only members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments to a general assembly district plan or, if necessary, a congressional district plan.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments on behalf of those persons sponsoring redistricting plans who are not members of the Commission.

**Rule 11 | Publication of redistricting plan.**

After a final general assembly district plan is adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall coordinate with the Governor for the publication of the adopted plan no later than September 30, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

If the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopts a congressional district plan in accordance with Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall publish the plan no later than November 15, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

**Rule 12 | Reconvening the Redistricting Commission.**

Should further action be necessary pursuant to either Article XI, Section 9 or Article XIX, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall reconvene at the joint request of the Co-Chairs subject to this chapter.

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All,

As a follow up from last week, attached are the draft rules that we are hoping to adopt on Thursday at the Lima meeting. We are sending them to you now so that your offices have time to review them before Thursday.

As I mentioned, the House and Senate democratic caucuses have been advocating for adopting the Commission's rules on Thursday. We believe the attached rules should enable us to do that, on a bipartisan basis.

Please note, however, there appears to be 1 issue in the attached draft that is not completely resolved yet; specifically, the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph in Rule 10. Staff for the senate democratic caucus has requested that the rule require 3 public hearings to be held **prior to September 1**. As I have discussed again with them, because of the 4+ month delay in receiving the census data, having a map introduced, considered at 3 public hearings and voted on by September 1 is not realistically possible.

Consequently, we are proposing instead that there be 3 public hearings (the Constitution only requires 1) **prior to adoption on September 15**. Paul and I believe that this idea is much more realistic and doable. And from what Paul has told me, staff for the House democratic caucus agree. Thus, if the Senate democratic caucus can agree to this, the Rules should be ready to go on Thursday.

In the meantime, we wanted your offices to see the latest draft as soon as possible.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the attached rules.

Frank

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Dear Christine and Heather,

On behalf of Senator Sykes, please find attached a revised proposal for the Ohio Redistricting Commission regional meeting schedule. When Sen. Sykes talked to Speaker Cupp earlier today, Sen. Sykes indicated that he would be sending suggested revisions. The meeting time slots are now 3 hours each. This is to allow up to 3 hours per meeting if needed. The meetings would not necessarily need to be 3 hours long. Please call me if any questions. Thanks.

George

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**REVISED 2021 OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
PROPOSED REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE**

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**Monday, August 23, 2021**

10:00AM – 1:00PM	Cleveland	Cleveland State University 2121 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115
4:00PM – 7:00PM	Youngstown	Youngstown State University 1 University Plaza Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0002

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

10:00AM – 1:00PM	Akron	University of Akron
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**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

10:00AM – 1:00PM	Lima	Ohio State University – Lima 4240 Campus Drive Lima, Ohio 45804
3:00PM – 6:00PM	Toledo	University of Toledo 2801 Bancroft Street Toledo, Ohio 43606

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

10:00AM – 1:00PM	Dayton	Wright State University 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway Dayton, OH 45435
4:00PM – 7:00pm	Cincinnati	University of Cincinnati 2600 Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45221

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

10:00AM – 1:00PM	Zanesville	Ohio University – Zanesville 1425 Newark Road Zanesville, OH 43701
4:00PM – 7:00PM	Rio Grande	Rio Grande Community College 218 N. College Ave, Rio Grande, OH 45674

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Thanks!

-Merle



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Sincerely,  
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Secretary LaRose will be on orders with the US Army next week.

He will be represented by staff at each hearing.

Monday in Cleveland and Youngstown  
Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff

Tuesday in Dayton and Cincinnati  
D. Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel

Wednesday in Zanesville and Rio Grande and  
Thursday in Lima and Toledo  
Chris Oliveti, Director of Legislative Affairs

Friday in Akron and Mansfield  
Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff

Thanks so much!

-Merle

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Gentlemen,

Attached please find the most recent draft of the proposed commission rules. Please let me know if  
you have any suggested edits or opinions on this version.

Thanks,

Paul

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**Rule 01 | Establishing authority.**

(A) Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution creates the Ohio Redistricting Commission, which is comprised of seven persons who are responsible for the redistricting of the State of Ohio for the general assembly, and, if necessary, for congress. Such persons, collectively, shall be referred to in these rules as “Members” and, individually, as “Member.”

(B) These rules are adopted in compliance with, and under the authority of, Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution.

(C) The rules stated herein, as supplemented by Robert’s Rules of Order, shall be the procedural rules for the operation of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

**Rule 02 | Notices of meetings and hearings.**

(A) Any person may ascertain the time and place of all regularly scheduled meetings, the time, place, and purpose of all specially scheduled meetings, and the time and place of public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission through one of the following methods:

(1) Consulting the website of the Ohio Redistricting Commission at:

[www.redistricting.ohio.gov](http://www.redistricting.ohio.gov)

(2) Consulting the public bulletin boards located outside of the chambers of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate on the second floor of the Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(3) Requesting electronic notice of all meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. The Co-Chairs’ designated staff shall jointly maintain a list of all persons who have requested such notification. A request for such notification shall:

(a) Contain the name of the person making the request and an email address to which electronic notice should be sent;

(b) Be sent in writing either:

(i) By mail to:

Ohio Redistricting Commission  
c/o Clerk of the Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

(ii) Or, by electronic mail to: [meetings@redistricting.ohio.gov](mailto:meetings@redistricting.ohio.gov)

(c) Be received forty-eight hours prior to any regularly scheduled meeting, specially scheduled meeting, or public hearing.

(C) In the event of a regularly scheduled meeting, specially scheduled meeting not of an emergency nature, or public hearing, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting or hearing by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of this rule not later than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or hearing. In the event of a special meeting of an emergency nature, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall provide notice of such meeting by providing the notice described in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of this rule. In such event, however, the notice need not be given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, but shall be given immediately upon the scheduling of such meeting.

### **Rule 03 | Open meetings.**

All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, section 121.22 of the Revised Code, as amended. All meetings and public hearings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.

### **Rule 04 | Officers; participation of members; minutes.**

(A) The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have two Co-Chairs selected by the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, acting jointly by political party to serve.

(B) Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be entitled to participate in all voting and debates, regardless of position held on the Commission.

(C) Minutes of each meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be maintained by the Co-Chairs' designated staff. Such minutes shall be circulated among the members and adopted by majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. Transcripts and archived video of meetings of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be provided upon request and completion and verification through the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service.

### **Rule 05 | Calling of meetings.**

After the initial meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, at which the Commission is convened, a meeting of the Commission may be called upon twenty-four hours notice. Such call and notice to each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be issued jointly by the Co-Chairs, or may be dispensed with if a motion to recess a meeting designates a time certain for continuation of that meeting. However, a meeting may be jointly called by the Co-Chairs, upon proper notice, prior to a previously designated meeting, should the Co-Chairs deem it necessary.



**Rule 06 | Quorum.**

A majority of the seven members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission constitutes a quorum. A majority of the Ohio Redistricting Commission is required for any official actions of the Commission, including but not limited to the adoption of a plan of redistricting. All motions before the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be determined by majority vote and in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, and, if necessary, Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees may, from time to time, conduct public hearings referred to in Rule 08, absent a quorum of members.

**Rule 07 | Records retention and public records policies.**

(A) Pursuant to section 149.34 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt the Ohio department of administrative services general records retention schedules for general administration records, personnel records, fiscal records, and information technology records.

(B) Pursuant to division (E) of section of 149.43 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall adopt a public records policy.

**Rule 08 | Public hearings on the process.**

The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall organize a series of public hearings in locations around the State of Ohio for the Ohio Redistricting Commission's members or their designees to receive public comment and input on the redistricting process. The Co-Chairs' designated staff shall notify the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission or their designees of the time, date, and location of each public hearing in the manner prescribed in paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of Rule 02 and in no event less than twenty-four hours prior to each public hearing.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, or their designees, shall preside over these public hearings. Each member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may designate an individual(s) to represent the member at any or all of these public hearings. Any individual so designated to represent a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall have no voting rights. No official business or action of the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall take place at the public hearings referred to in this rule, except for the receiving of public comment and input or adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission; provided that, the Co-Chairs must provide at least twenty-four hours written notice to the Commission members for there to be a vote on adopting procedural rules for the operation of the Commission.

**Rule 09 | Redistricting plans.**

Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person, or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a proposed general assembly district plan. Any member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, person or organization may submit for the consideration of the Commission a congressional redistricting plan.

*This is a working draft and subject to revision*

Redistricting plans submitted to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration should contain visual representations of the proposed boundaries. The Ohio Redistricting Commission's website shall give any person or organization access to necessary Census data.

Redistricting plans submitted by the public to the Ohio Redistricting Commission for consideration shall be submitted on the Commission's website at:

[www.redistricting.ohio.gov](http://www.redistricting.ohio.gov)

or by mailing to:

Ohio Redistricting Commission  
c/o Clerk of the Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Upon receipt, the Co-Chairs' designated staff shall promptly provide electronic notification of a submitted plan to all the members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and cause each submitted plan to be posted on the Commission's website for the public to view.

**Rule 10 | Consideration of redistricting plans; adoption of plan.**

During the meeting or meetings of the commission, a sponsor of a plan may personally or through a representative present the substance of their plan to the members of the Redistricting Commission for a period not to exceed ten minutes, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The public may offer testimony or comment not to exceed five minutes on any redistricting plan before the commission, unless extended by a majority of the commission. The co-chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may limit testimony or comments on plans before the Commission, as the Co-Chairs deem necessary.

Any person wishing to testify on a given plan must provide written notice to the Co-Chairs' designated staff prior to the meeting scheduled to consider the various plans submitted.

Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may ask questions of any person testifying on the various redistricting plans before the Commission during the meeting scheduled to consider these plans. Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may request testimony from experts during this meeting.

Only members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments to a general assembly district plan or, if necessary, a congressional district plan.

The Co-Chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission may offer amendments on behalf of those persons sponsoring redistricting plans who are not members of the Commission.

**Rule 11 | Publication of redistricting plan.**

After a final general assembly district plan is adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission in accordance with Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall coordinate with the Governor for the publication of the adopted plan no later than September 30, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

If the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopts a congressional district plan in accordance with Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution, the Co-Chairs of the Commission shall publish the plan no later than November 15, 2021. The first publication of the plan shall be made electronically on the Ohio Redistricting Commission's website and in its entirety in at least four Ohio newspapers that are geographically diverse, and may be made in a preprinted insert. The second publication shall be made in abbreviated form in those newspapers pursuant to section 7.16 of the Revised Code. No further newspaper publications are required if the second, abbreviated notice meets the requirements of section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

**Rule 12 | Reconvening the Redistricting Commission.**

Should further action be necessary pursuant to either Article XI, Section 9 or Article XIX, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission shall reconvene at the joint request of the Co-Chairs subject to this chapter.

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I have some things for you to sign, but otherwise, I will defer to Christine.

Will

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**Subject:** tomorrow's calendar

I'm working on planning my schedule for the week.

1. Are we still on for the meetings with Pres. Huffman, et al, regarding redistricting? What time are those meetings?
2. Is the LSC memo on the comparison of the sports betting bills (the one in Finance and the one in conference committee) available yet? I would like to review it and have a conversation with Dwight about it. I understand that meeting with Seitz, Edwards, and Carfagna is not possible due to their other commitments, but I think a meeting with Dwight would be helpful to my understanding of where things now stand in advance to the larger meeting.
3. Are there other things that I should/can do while I am in Cols tomorrow (if the redistricting meeting is still on).

Thanks.

Bob



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All,

Sorry for the delay in getting these to you today. I had to leave early this afternoon for doctor appointments for our kids, so my day didn't go exactly as planned.

Nevertheless, per our meeting yesterday, attached are the following:

1. The draft constitutional amendment that was discussed; and
2. An updated Allocation of Task Force funds

For the draft amendment, it should include the fundamental ideas that were discussed; namely, a proposed amendment that:

1. Is limited solely to when the federal census is delayed; and
2. If/when the census is delayed, the general assembly has the authority to either use other data or extend the constitutional deadlines

The other ideas in the draft are simply that, ideas. So any thoughts you have are appreciated.

Thanks again for your patience today, and I look forward to your comments.

Frank

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*The Ohio Senate*  
Senator Rob McColley  
Co-Chair



*The Ohio House of Representatives*  
Minority Leader, Emilia Sykes  
Co-Chair

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING, REAPPORTIONMENT  
& DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH  
ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS  
April 22, 2021

Pursuant to ORC 103.51(A), the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic Research ("Task Force") "may enter into any agreements on behalf of the task force and perform any acts that may be necessary or proper for the task force to carry out its powers and duties under this section." As the Co-Chairs of the Task Force, we hereby authorize and direct the allocation of Task Force funds as follows:

**Allocation of Funds**

Each pair of legislative caucuses is allocated funds to purchase, lease or rent hardware, software, physical space and/or supplies, and contract for technical and legal services directly related to the 2021 redistricting processes of this state. This authority is limited at this time to \$150,000 for each pair of legislative caucuses and only for those expenses incurred after the date of this Allocation of Funds, up until January 1, 2022. The caucuses of each party may choose to split their \$150,000 allotment.

No such funds shall be used to pay for any legal services rendered for litigation related to the 2021 redistricting processes of this state. Further, any tangible goods purchased with these funds shall remain the property of the State of Ohio and in the possession of the caucus making the purchase.

**Payment of Expenses**

Any expense incurred by a caucus pursuant to this Allocation of Funds must be submitted for approval, along with supporting documentation of the expense, to the respective Task Force Co-Chair who is of the same political party as the caucus submitting the expense. The director of the Legislative Service Commission shall facilitate payment of any allowable expense approved by the Task Force Co-Chair to whom the expense was submitted.

The payment of any other expenses not covered in this Allocation of Funds requires documentation of the expense and approval of both Task Force Co-Chairs.

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Rob McColley  
State Senator, District 1  
Co-Chair

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Emilia Sykes  
Minority Leader, Ohio House of Representatives  
Co-Chair

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134th General Assembly  
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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 7 of Article XI and Section 2  
of Article XIX and to enact Section 8a of Article XI  
and Section 4 of Article XIX of the Constitution of  
the State of Ohio to modify the redistricting  
procedures that apply when the federal decennial  
census is delayed.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at a special  
election to be held on August 3, 2021, a proposal to amend  
Section 7 of Article XI and Section 2 of Article XIX and to  
enact Section 8a of Article XI and Section 4 of Article XIX of  
the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows:

### ARTICLE XI

**Section 7.** Notwithstanding the fact that boundaries of  
counties, municipal corporations, and townships within a  
district may ~~be changed~~ change over time, ~~district boundaries~~  
~~shall be created by using the~~ boundaries of counties, municipal



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corporations, and townships as they ~~exist~~ existed at the time of  
the most recent federal decennial census ~~on which the~~  
~~redistricting is based, or, if unavailable, on such other basis~~  
~~as the general assembly has directed~~ from which data was received  
shall be used to create district boundaries required under this  
article.

Section. 8a. If the general assembly has not received the  
federal decennial census data for this state from the federal  
government by the first day of April in a year ending in the  
numeral one, such that it will not be feasible for the Ohio  
redistricting commission to meet the deadlines described in  
Sections 1 and 8 of this article, the general assembly may adopt  
a concurrent resolution that either directs the usage of some  
other basis or extends the deadlines for a period of time it  
determines necessary. Any such deadlines adopted by the general  
assembly supersede any deadlines otherwise set forth in this  
article.

#### ARTICLE XIX

**Section 2.** (A) (1) Each congressional district shall be  
entitled to a single representative in the United States house  
of representatives in each congress.

(2) The whole population of the state, as determined by  
the federal decennial census or, if the federal decennial census  
is unavailable, another basis as directed by the general  
assembly, shall be divided by the number of congressional  
districts apportioned to the state pursuant to Section 2 of  
Article I of the Constitution of the United States, and the  
quotient shall be the congressional ratio of representation for  
the next ten years.

(3) Notwithstanding the fact that boundaries of counties, 49  
municipal corporations, and townships within a district may ~~be~~ 50  
~~changed change over time, district the boundaries shall be~~ 51  
~~created by using the data from of counties, municipal~~ 52  
~~corporations, and townships as they existed at the time of the~~ 53  
most ~~recent-recent~~ federal decennial census ~~or from the basis~~ 54  
~~directed by the general assembly, as applicable from which data~~ 55  
was received shall be used to create district boundaries 56  
required under this article. 57

(B) A congressional district plan shall comply with all of 58  
the following requirements: 59

(1) The plan shall comply with all applicable provisions 60  
of the constitutions of Ohio and the United States and of 61  
federal law, including federal laws protecting racial minority 62  
voting rights. 63

(2) Every congressional district shall be compact. 64

(3) Every congressional district shall be composed of 65  
contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district shall be 66  
a single nonintersecting continuous line. 67

(4) Except as otherwise required by federal law, in a 68  
county that contains a population that exceeds the congressional 69  
ratio of representation, the authority drawing the districts 70  
shall take the first of the following actions that applies to 71  
that county: 72

(a) If a municipal corporation or township located in that 73  
county contains a population that exceeds the congressional 74  
ratio of representation, the authority shall attempt to include 75  
a significant portion of that municipal corporation or township 76  
in a single district and may include in that district other 77



municipal corporations or townships that are located in that 78  
county and whose residents have similar interests as the 79  
residents of the municipal corporation or township that contains 80  
a population that exceeds the congressional ratio of 81  
representation. In determining whether the population of a 82  
municipal corporation or township exceeds the congressional 83  
ratio of representation for the purpose of this division, if the 84  
territory of that municipal corporation or township completely 85  
surrounds the territory of another municipal corporation or 86  
township, the territory of the surrounded municipal corporation 87  
or township shall be considered part of the territory of the 88  
surrounding municipal corporation or township. 89

(b) If one municipal corporation or township in that 90  
county contains a population of not less than one hundred 91  
thousand and not more than the congressional ratio of 92  
representation, that municipal corporation or township shall not 93  
be split. If that county contains two or more such municipal 94  
corporations or townships, only the most populous of those 95  
municipal corporations or townships shall not be split. 96

(5) Of the eighty-eight counties in this state, sixty-five 97  
counties shall be contained entirely within a district, eighteen 98  
counties may be split not more than once, and five counties may 99  
be split not more than twice. The authority drawing the 100  
districts may determine which counties may be split. 101

(6) If a congressional district includes only part of the 102  
territory of a particular county, the part of that congressional 103  
district that lies in that particular county shall be contiguous 104  
within the boundaries of the county. 105

(7) No two congressional districts shall share portions of 106  
the territory of more than one county, except for a county whose 107

population exceeds four hundred thousand. 108

(8) The authority drawing the districts shall attempt to 109  
include at least one whole county in each congressional 110  
district. This division does not apply to a congressional 111  
district that is contained entirely within one county or that 112  
cannot be drawn in that manner while complying with federal law. 113

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of 114  
this section, for purposes of this article, a county, municipal 115  
corporation, or township is considered to be split if, based on 116  
the census data used for the purpose of redistricting, any 117  
contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely 118  
within one district. 119

(2) If a municipal corporation or township has territory 120  
in more than one county, the contiguous portion of that 121  
municipal corporation or township that lies in each county shall 122  
be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township 123  
for purposes of this section. 124

Section 4. If the general assembly has not received the 125  
federal decennial census data for this state from the federal 126  
government by the first day of April in a year ending in the 127  
numeral one, such that it will not be feasible for the general 128  
assembly or the Ohio redistricting commission, as applicable, to 129  
meet the deadlines described in Section 1 of this article, the 130  
general assembly may adopt a concurrent resolution that either 131  
directs the usage of some other basis or extends the deadlines 132  
for a period of time it determines necessary. Any such deadlines 133  
adopted by the general assembly supersede any deadlines 134  
otherwise set forth in this article. 135

EFFECTIVE DATE 136

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this	137
proposal, Section 7 of Article XI and Section 2 of Article XIX	138
amended by this proposal and Section 8a of Article XI and	139
Section 4 of Article XIX enacted by this proposal shall take	140
effect immediately and the existing version of Section 7 of	141
Article XI and the existing version of Section 2 of Article XIX	142
of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be repealed	143
effective immediately.	144

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Recently, we have had a number of meetings and conversations with the democratic leaders in the House and the Senate to discuss the federal government's delayed delivery of key census data for our state, and offered some initial ideas. Candidly, we are utterly bewildered by some of the responses so we thought it would be helpful to clarify the problem.

Ohio's Constitution expressly requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to approve a bipartisan, 10-year map for General Assembly districts by September 1 of this year. If the Commission fails to do that, the Commission has an additional 14 days to try again, and if they still cannot, then they have to approve a 4-year map by a simple majority. In either case, the Commission must approve of a map by September 15. The Commission cannot be relieved of this constitutional requirement, including asking the Ohio Supreme Court to magically allow the Commission to disregard its constitutionally mandated deadline. The Supreme Court has no more authority than the legislature to move a constitutional deadline.

Normally, the two deadlines would not be a problem if the Census Bureau provided Ohio with the necessary data by the federal law deadline of March 31. Unfortunately, the Census Bureau was unable to provide Ohio with that data by March 31, but instead notified all states that they will receive their respective census data by August 16 – approximately 4 ½ months later than the federal law deadline.

If Ohio actually receives the census data on August 16 as promised, it will take a couple extra weeks to prepare it so that the Commission can begin to create a new map. The problem is that, at that point, it will be September 1, and the Commission will already have been unable to do any of the following constitutionally mandated tasks: (1) introduce a proposed new map, (2) have at least 3 required public hearings on the proposed map, and/or (3) vote on a map. Instead, they will be rushing to draw a last-minute map to comply with the September 15 deadline, further limiting any bipartisan discussions amongst the members of the Commission, and most importantly, any public input.

For these reasons, we sought mutual consensus with leadership on how to fix the problem. Specifically, we proposed a simple amendment to the Ohio Constitution on the August 3 ballot, which Ohioans would need to approve. The four of us met in person to discuss this issue, we had a follow up phone call a couple days later, and our staff has submitted a couple different proposals to the democratic leaders' staff, asking for suggestions that they may have to our proposed ideas. To date, we have not received a single counter-suggestion, but instead, have only heard their thoughts through the media.

We are asking the democrats in good faith to help us ensure their input in the upcoming redistricting process, and the input of all Ohioans. Nothing more, nothing less. We believe a simple one-time extension of two deadlines in the Constitution – again, which voters must approve – will accomplish those objectives. If the democrats do not wish to help us do that, all we ask them to do is directly tell us that because we are not interested in proceeding without their support. What we are not interested in doing is either injecting politics so early into this process or impairing, in any way, this process, which we all worked so tirelessly on over the last 10 years.



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Yes and I had meant to include Heather on the prior email so adding her here  
Thanks!

On Apr 29, 2021, at 6:57 PM, Robert Cupp <rcupp@bright.net> wrote:  
I've made a few clarifying changes to the draft. Shall I forward to you?

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All looks good to me.

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Yes and I had meant to include Heather on the prior email so adding her here  
Thanks!

On Apr 29, 2021, at 6:57 PM, Robert Cupp <[rcupp@bright.net](mailto:rcupp@bright.net)> wrote:  
I've made a few clarifying changes to the draft. Shall I forward to you?

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**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2021 4:36 PM  
**To:** Young, Brad; Kelsey Culbertson  
**Subject:** I-134-1280-4  
**Attachments:** I\_134\_1280-4.pdf

Hello,

Please see bill to be filed for Redistricting Transparency.

Primary sponsor : Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson

Cosponsors: Rep. Boyd, Rep. Boggs, Rep Skindell, Rep. Miranda, Rep. Troy, Rep. O'Brien, Rep. Sheehy, Rep Crossman, Rep. Kent Smith ,Rep. Robinson, Rep. West , Rep. A. Miller, Rep. Sweeny, Rep. B. Kelly, Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan , Rep Crawley, Rep. Leland, Rep. Brown, Rep. Weinstein, Rep. J Miller, Rep. Denson, Rep M. Smith, Rep. Sykes, Rep. Upchurch, Rep Liston, Rep Blackshear, Rep. Ingram, Rep. Brent, Rep. Russo, Rep. Sobecki, Rep. Howse

Best,

**Kane E. C. Murray**

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Regular Session  
2021-2022

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**A BILL**

To amend sections 101.30 and 103.51 and to enact  
sections 103.52 and 103.53 of the Revised Code  
to delineate the public records, public  
meetings, and other requirements with which the  
Ohio Redistricting Commission, the General  
Assembly, and the Legislative Task Force on  
Redistricting, Reapportionment, and Demographic  
Research must comply during the redistricting  
process, to make an appropriation, and to  
declare an emergency.


**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 101.30 and 103.51 be amended and  
sections 103.52 and 103.53 of the Revised Code be enacted to  
read as follows:

**Sec. 101.30.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Legislative document" includes, but is not limited  
to, all of the following:

(a) A working paper, work product, correspondence,

  
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preliminary draft, note, proposed bill or resolution, proposed 18  
amendment to a bill or resolution, analysis, opinion, 19  
memorandum, or other document in whatever form or format 20  
prepared by legislative staff for a member of the general 21  
assembly or for general assembly staff; 22

(b) Any document or material in whatever form or format 23  
provided by a member of the general assembly or general assembly 24  
staff to legislative staff that requests, or that provides 25  
information or materials to assist in, the preparation of any of 26  
the items described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section; 27

(c) Any summary of a bill or resolution or of an amendment 28  
to a bill or resolution in whatever form or format that is 29  
prepared by or in the possession of a member of the general 30  
assembly or general assembly staff, if the summary is prepared 31  
before the bill, resolution, or amendment is filed for 32  
introduction or presented at a committee hearing or floor 33  
session, as applicable. 34

(2) "Legislative staff" means the staff of the legislative 35  
service commission, legislative budget office of the legislative 36  
service commission, or any other legislative agency included in 37  
the legislative service commission budget group. 38

(3) "General assembly staff" means an officer or employee 39  
of either house of the general assembly who acts on behalf of a 40  
member of the general assembly or on behalf of a committee or 41  
either house of the general assembly. 42

(B) Legislative staff shall maintain a confidential 43  
relationship with each member of the general assembly, and with 44  
each member of the general assembly staff, with respect to 45  
communications between the member of the general assembly or 46

general assembly staff and legislative staff. Except as 47  
otherwise provided in this division and division (C) of this 48  
section and in sections 103.51, 103.52, and 103.53 of the 49  
Revised Code, a legislative document arising out of this 50  
confidential relationship is not a public record for purposes of 51  
section 149.43 of the Revised Code. When it is in the public 52  
interest and with the consent of the commission, the director of 53  
the commission may release to the public any legislative 54  
document in the possession of the commission staff arising out 55  
of a confidential relationship with a former member of the 56  
general assembly or former member of the general assembly staff 57  
who is not available to make the legislative document a public 58  
record as provided in division (C) of this section because of 59  
death or disability, whom the director is unable to contact for 60  
that purpose, or who fails to respond to the director after the 61  
director has made a reasonable number of attempts to make such 62  
contact. 63

(C) (1) A legislative document is a public record for 64  
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if it is an 65  
analysis, synopsis, fiscal note, or local impact statement 66  
prepared by legislative staff that is required to be prepared by 67  
law, or by a rule of either house of the general assembly, for 68  
the benefit of the members of either or both of those houses or 69  
any legislative committee and if it has been presented to those 70  
members. 71

(2) A legislative document is a public record for purposes 72  
of section 149.43 of the Revised Code if a member of the general 73  
assembly for whom legislative staff prepared the legislative 74  
document does any of the following: 75

(a) Files it for introduction with the clerk of the senate 76

or the clerk of the house of representatives, if it is a bill or  
resolution; 77  
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(b) Presents it at a committee hearing or floor session, 79  
if it is an amendment to a bill or resolution or is a substitute 80  
bill or resolution; 81

(c) Releases it, or authorizes general assembly staff or 82  
legislative staff to release it, to the public. 83

**Sec. 103.51.** (A) There is hereby created the legislative 84  
task force on redistricting, reapportionment, and demographic 85  
research, consisting of six members. The president of the senate 86  
shall appoint three members, not more than two of whom shall be 87  
members of the same political party. One member appointed by the 88  
president shall not be a member of the general assembly. The 89  
speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three 90  
members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same 91  
political party. One member appointed by the speaker shall not 92  
be a member of the general assembly. 93

Appointments to the task force shall be made within 94  
fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session 95  
of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this 96  
division. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled for the 97  
unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. 98  
Members of the task force shall serve on the task force until 99  
the appointments are made in the first regular session of the 100  
following general assembly or, in the case of task force members 101  
who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they 102  
are no longer general assembly members. 103

The president of the senate shall appoint a member of the 104  
task force, and the speaker of the house of representatives 105

shall appoint a member of the task force, to serve as ~~co-~~ 106  
~~chairmen~~~~co-chairpersons~~ of the task force. The ~~co-chairmen~~~~co-~~ 107  
~~chairpersons~~ shall be members of different political parties. 108  
The ~~co-chairmen~~~~co-chairpersons~~ may enter into any agreements on 109  
behalf of the task force and perform any acts that may be 110  
necessary or proper for the task force to carry out its powers 111  
and duties under this section. 112

(B) The members of the task force shall serve without 113  
compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and 114  
necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official 115  
duties. 116

(C) The task force shall do all of the following: 117

(1) Provide such assistance to the general assembly and 118  
its committees as requested in order to help the general 119  
assembly fulfill its duty to establish districts for the 120  
election of representatives to congress; 121

(2) Provide such assistance to the apportionment board as 122  
requested in order to help it fulfill its duty to provide for 123  
the apportionment of this state for members of the general 124  
assembly. As used in this section, "apportionment board" means 125  
the persons designated in Section 1 of Article XI, Ohio 126  
Constitution, as being responsible for that apportionment. 127

(3) Engage in such research studies and other activities 128  
as the task force considers necessary or appropriate in the 129  
preparation and formulation of a plan for the next apportionment 130  
of the state for members of the general assembly and a plan for 131  
the next establishment of districts for the election of 132  
representatives to congress and in the utilization of census and 133  
other demographic and statistical data for policy analysis, 134



program development, and program evaluation purposes for the 135  
benefit of the general assembly. 136

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, 137  
the task force may do all of the following: 138

(1) Hire such employees and engage such experts and 139  
technical advisors and fix their compensation, and obtain such 140  
services, as are necessary for the task force to exercise its 141  
duties under this section; 142

(2) Authorize the providing of such services and the 143  
furnishing of such data by the task force to any state agency or 144  
political subdivision of this state as the task force may 145  
specify, on such terms and conditions as the task force may 146  
specify, including the amount of the payment for providing the 147  
services and furnishing the data; 148

(3) Conduct meetings and hearings both within and outside 149  
this state and otherwise exercise all of the powers of a 150  
standing or select committee of the general assembly; 151

(4) Request and receive from any state agency or political 152  
subdivision of this state such assistance and data as will 153  
enable the task force to exercise its powers and duties under 154  
this section. 155

(E) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 156  
121.22 of the Revised Code, the co-chairpersons of the task 157  
force shall provide the public with at least seventy-two hours 158  
of advance notice of the time and location of any meeting or 159  
hearing of the task force, shall make that meeting or hearing 160  
open to the public, and shall hold that meeting or hearing in a 161  
public building or office. 162

(F) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 163



101.30 of the Revised Code, all records related to the work of 164  
the task force kept by any member of the task force or the 165  
member's employee or agent, including any contractor or 166  
consultant directly or indirectly retained by any member of the 167  
general assembly, any task force member, or the Ohio 168  
redistricting commission, or by any other public office are 169  
public records within the meaning of section 149.43 of the 170  
Revised Code. 171

Sec. 103.52. (A) The governor shall convene the Ohio 172  
redistricting commission described under Article XI, Ohio 173  
Constitution, not later than the first day of June of each year 174  
ending in the numeral one. During the period beginning on the 175  
day the governor convenes the Ohio redistricting commission and 176  
ending on the day the commission is dissolved, the co- 177  
chairpersons of the commission shall do all of the following: 178

(1) Within fourteen days of the commission's convening, 179  
adopt rules for the commission, announce the hiring of staff for 180  
the commission, announce a plan for spending the commission's 181  
appropriated funds in a bipartisan manner, and adopt a plan for 182  
holding public hearings both before and after congressional maps 183  
are proposed; 184

(2) Hold a public hearing or briefing concerning the 185  
status of the commission's work at least once each week; 186

(3) Begin holding public hearings at least three weeks 187  
before any final map approval vote, the same requirement 188  
applying to any committees doing the work of the commission, 189  
regardless of whether data from the United States census bureau 190  
is available; 191

(4) Issue a written progress report to the public at least 192

once each week concerning the status of the commission's work, 193  
signed by the co-chairpersons and include copies of all draft 194  
redistricting plans that have been shared between two or more 195  
members of the commission or their employees or agents during 196  
the period covered by the report; 197

(5) Develop and maintain a process by which the commission 198  
receives and considers, in real time, maps and comments 199  
submitted by members of the public concerning any draft 200  
redistricting plan; 201

(6) Cause to be developed and maintained the Ohio 202  
redistricting web site described in division (B) of this 203  
section. 204

(B) The Ohio redistricting web site shall be a publicly 205  
accessible online redistricting tool with a population and 206  
redistricting data set identical to the data set used by the 207  
general assembly and the Ohio redistricting commission to draw 208  
new legislative and congressional districts. The most recent 209  
census population data from the 2019 American community survey 210  
shall be made available on the web site while the United States 211  
census bureau finishes compiling enumeration data from the 2020 212  
census. The 2020 enumeration data shall be made available on the 213  
web site once it is provided to the state by the United States 214  
census bureau. The web site shall be hosted by the legislative 215  
service commission, shall be accessible from the web site of the 216  
legislative service commission, and shall do all of the 217  
following: 218

(1) Include a space for members of the public to submit 219  
comments on any state legislative or congressional maps, and to 220  
submit their own maps in various formats; 221

(2) Provide information on Ohio's redistricting process, 222  
including redistricting criteria and previous maps; 223

(3) Provide information about upcoming hearings, including 224  
time and place; 225

(4) Provide contact information for all elected officials 226  
who are members of the commission, the legislative task force on 227  
redistricting and demographic research, or any legislative 228  
committees involved in the redistricting process. 229

(C) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 230  
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commission shall provide the public with at least seventy-two 232  
hours of advance notice of the time and location of any meeting 233  
or hearing concerning redistricting, shall make that meeting or 234  
hearing open to the public, and shall hold that meeting or 235  
hearing in a public building or office. 236

(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 237  
121.22 of the Revised Code, the Ohio redistricting commission 238  
and any related committees shall conduct public hearings outside 239  
of standard working hours and in locations compliant with the 240  
"Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 12101 et 241  
seq. that are accessible by public transportation. 242

(E) Any person who has submitted a complete map, directly 243  
or through the Ohio redistricting web site under division (B) of 244  
this section, which is compliant with the basic principles of 245  
redistricting, to a chairperson or the co-chairpersons of the 246  
Ohio redistricting commission or a related committee shall be 247  
permitted to discuss the proposed map at any of the general 248  
assembly's or commission's public hearings regarding 249  
redistricting. 250



(F) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 251  
101.30 of the Revised Code, all records related to the Ohio 252  
redistricting commission kept by any member of the commission or 253  
the member's employee or agent or by any other public office are 254  
public records within the meaning of section 149.43 of the 255  
Revised Code. 256

(G) The commission shall allow for virtual, interactive 257  
testimony and participation by the public and shall not require 258  
members of the public to appear in person to testify. 259

Sec. 103.53. (A) Beginning on the first day of July in a 260  
year ending in the numeral one, and continuing until the general 261  
assembly has adopted new congressional districts, the speaker 262  
and minority leader of the house of representatives and the 263  
president and minority leader of the senate shall do all of the 264  
following: 265

(1) Hold a public hearing or briefing concerning the 266  
status of the general assembly's work on congressional 267  
redistricting at least once each week; 268

(2) Issue a written progress report to the public at least 269  
once each week concerning the status of the general assembly's 270  
work on congressional redistricting, including the public input 271  
received with transcribed copies of hearings and public comments 272  
submitted on the Ohio redistricting web site under section 273  
103.52 of the Revised Code. The report shall be signed by the 274  
speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives and 275  
by the president and minority leader of the senate and, 276  
notwithstanding section 101.30 of the Revised Code, shall 277  
include copies of all draft redistricting plans that have been 278  
shared between two or more members of the general assembly or 279  
their employees or agents during the period covered by the 280

report. This report shall be routinely uploaded to the Ohio 281  
redistricting web site. 282

(3) Develop and maintain a process by which the members of 283  
the general assembly receive and consider, in real time, maps 284  
and comments submitted by members of the public concerning any 285  
draft congressional redistricting plan. 286

(B) In accordance with Article XIX of the Ohio 287  
Constitution, the general assembly shall create a joint 288  
committee called the joint committee on redistricting to hold 289  
hearings and report a congressional district plan to the general 290  
assembly. The committee shall begin holding public hearings at 291  
least three weeks before any final map approval vote. Hearings 292  
shall take place both before and after maps are introduced for 293  
consideration by the committee. The committee shall be comprised 294  
of an equal number of majority party and minority party members, 295  
who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of 296  
representatives, the minority leader of the house, the president 297  
of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate. 298

(C) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 299  
121.22 of the Revised Code, the public shall be provided with at 300  
least seventy-two hours of advance notice of the time and 301  
location of any meeting by committees of the general assembly 302  
concerning congressional redistricting, and that meeting shall 303  
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(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 305  
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(E) The general assembly and its committees shall allow 311  
for virtual, interactive participation by the public and shall 312  
not require members of the public to appear in person to testify 313  
on any matter relating to redistricting. 314

**Section 2.** That existing sections 101.30 and 103.51 of the 315  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 316

**Section 3.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 317  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 318  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 319  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 320  
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 321  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 322  
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 323  
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**Section 4.** 325

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A	RDC OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION				
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C	GRF	006400	Ohio Redistricting Commission	\$2,000,000	\$0
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	OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION				327

The foregoing appropriation item 006400, Ohio 328  
Redistricting Commission, shall be used by the Commission to 329  
perform all necessary duties in accordance with Articles XI and 330  
XIX of the Ohio Constitution and section 103.52 of the Revised 331  
Code. 332

**Section 5.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 333  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 334  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 335  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 336  
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 337  
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 338  
accounted for as though made in the main operating 339  
appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. The operating 340  
appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of 341  
the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General 342  
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 343

**Section 6.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 344  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 345  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 346  
the redistricting process underway this year must be transparent 347  
and accessible to the public. Therefore, this act shall go into 348  
immediate effect. 349

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Ms. Blessing

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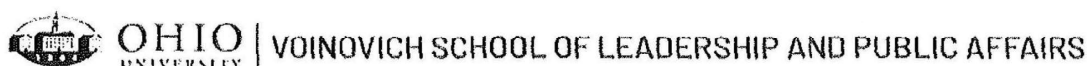
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### Progress Report: July 2019

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager

Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs

Month of July, 2019

Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) August 11, 2019

### Project Purpose and Background

The previous report submitted on July 2, 2019 covered the period from initiation of the work in November 2016 through June 30, 2019. This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) authorized on June 4, 2019, for the month of July 2019. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

Project work during the month of July 2019 included continuing work under Task III – Adjust Precinct Boundaries as County BOE's Provide Data and Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

#### Task III Activities

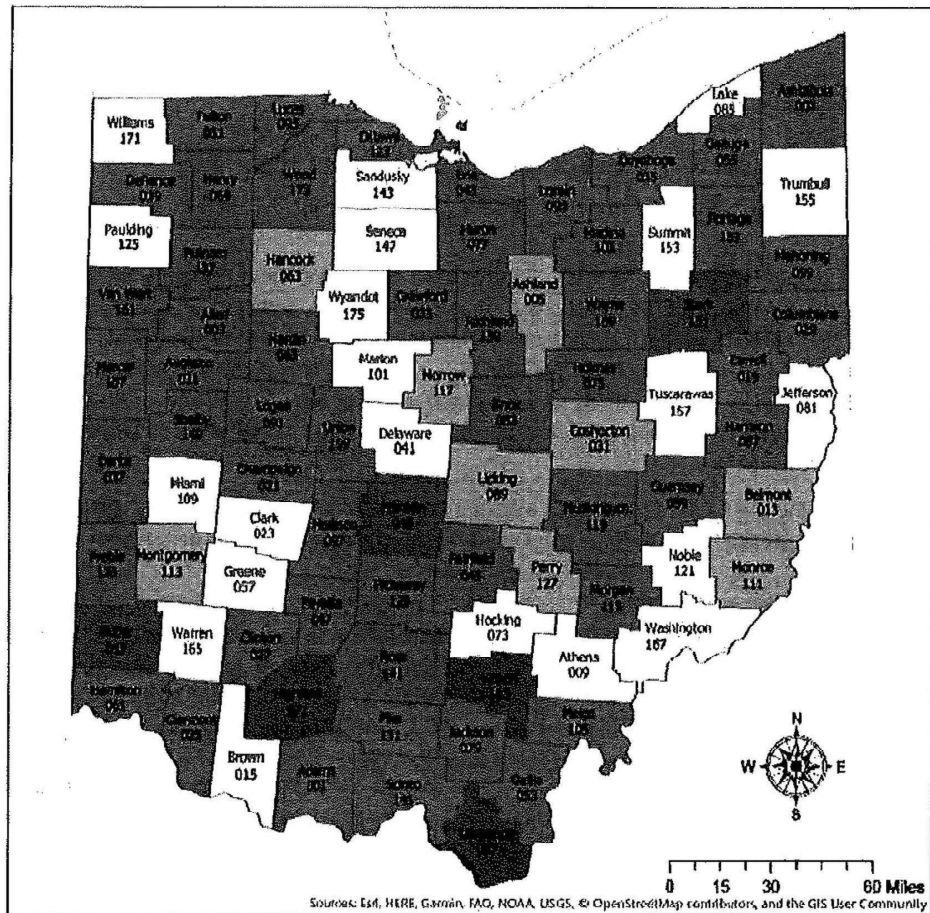
We submitted updated precinct files to the Census Bureau for 52 counties by May 31, 2019 that participated in the revision process. Three counties provided updated precinct files too late for correction by the May 31, 2019 submittal deadline. With our encouragement and assistance, nine additional counties have sent precinct correction files or communicated to allow resolution of the present precinct geometry, during the months of June and July. Project staff have been reworking the precinct geometry and will continue to do so as other files arrive. There were 27 counties that did not participate. We continue to make contact with these counties, offer assistance and ask for participation. The Figure 1 maps the present status of county participation.

#### Task VI Activities

In order to encourage continued county participation, Redistricting 2021 project personnel have traveled to and presented at five regional Board of Elections (BOE) conferences. The presentation utilized is transmitted as a separate document. Conferences were held and attended as follows:

DATE	BOE REGION	LOCATION
July 16, 2019	Southwest	Springfield, Clark County
July 18, 2019	Central	Delaware, Delaware County
July 24, 2019	Southeast	Marietta, Washington County
July 30, 2019	Northeast	Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ashtabula County
July 31, 2019	Northwest	Montpelier, Williams County

FIGURE 1



## County Status as of 08/06/2019

### Status as of 08/06/2019

- County Participated and Reviewed: 52
- Never Opened Website, Contacted Directly: 3
- Promised but No Response: 21
- Submitted Data or Review: 9
- Submitted too Late for Correction, Sent RDO: 3

### Project Summary:

As of the phase deadline of 5/31/2019, 55 counties had participated. Of those that participated, 3 were unable to be reviewed and updated due to time constraints at time of submittal.

As of 08/06/2019 a further 9 counties had submitted shapefiles or reviews. There are still 21 counties that have not submitted data or initiated further contact.

We remain in contact with all counties, encourage their participation, and continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This website will be maintained and updated at least until June 30, 2021 to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 20, 2020. The master website with data for all counties can be accessed and reviewed using the following:

<https://gis.ohio.edu/BoundaryQ/>

UserID: viewer@ohio.edu

Pass: Viewer@OU2019

Please contact me if there are any questions about using the website.

#### **Continued Project Activities**

During the Month of August 2019 Redistricting 2021 project personnel will continue to interact with county boards of election and GIS departments to obtain data necessary to prepare the most up to date precinct geometry. We will develop these data and hold it until there is a new opportunity to submit changes to the Census Bureau. The next and final update period, before the Census begins, is the first week of January 2020 and ends on March 20, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes that date. The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed into the blocks and precincts, will be provided through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.



## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: August 2019

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Month of August, 2019

Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) September 24, 2019

#### Project Purpose and Background

The previous report submitted on September 5, 2019 covered the period from initiation of the work in July 1 2011 through July 31, 2019. This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of August 2019. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

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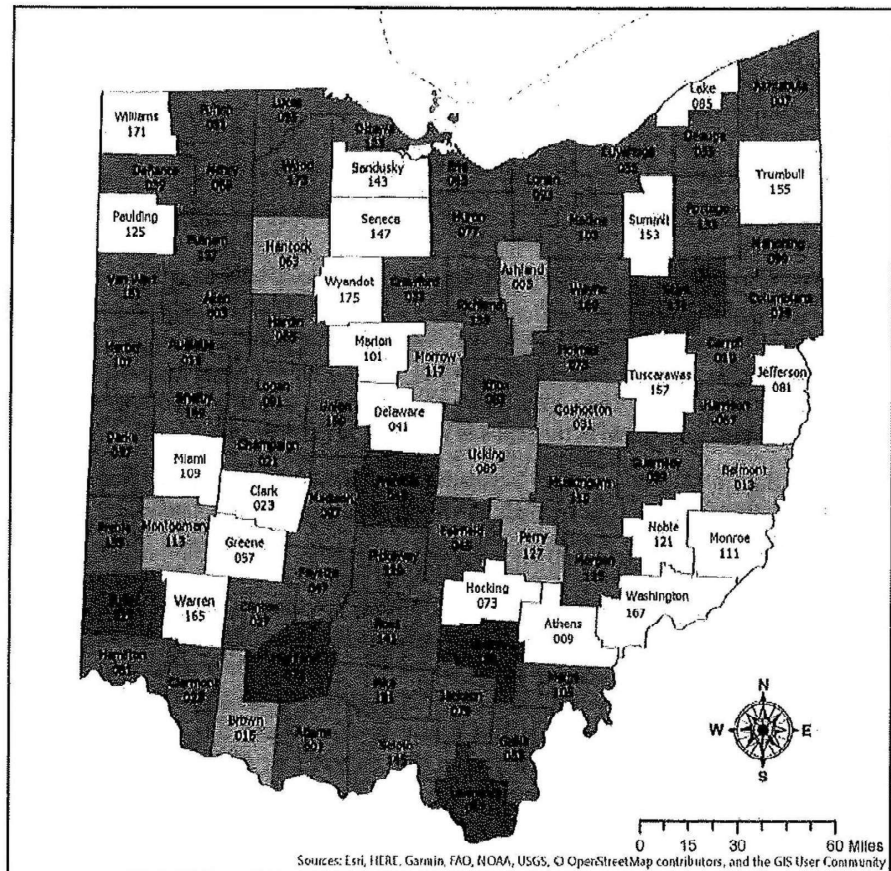
#### Task III Activities

Project staff have been reworking the precinct geometry and will continue to do so as other files arrive from the boards of elections (BOEs). There are still 21 counties that have not participated by sending new precinct geometry. We continue to make contact with these counties, offer assistance and ask for participation. Two counties have provided new precinct geometry since July 2019, Morrow and Hancock. We have made great efforts to inform, assist, encourage and request county BOEs to participate by providing updated voting district maps. We suggest that participation will not occur lacking additional stringent impetus to the counties from the Secretary of State's Board of Elections team. Figure 1 maps the present status of county participation.

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**FIGURE 1**



## County Status as of 09/09/2019

### Status as of 09/09/2019

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- Never Opened Website, Contacted Directly: 3
- Promised but No Response: 21
- Submitted Data or Review: 9
- Submitted too Late for Correction, Sent RDO: 3

### Project Summary:

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As of 09/09/2019 one more county had submitted a shapefile. There are still 21 counties that have not submitted data or initiated further contact.



#### **Task VI Activities**

We have noted throughout this effort to prepare a unified redistricting database that a significant percentage of the voting district boundary errors were due to fundamental differences in place boundaries (primarily municipal boundaries) between the boundaries provided by the Census Bureau and the municipalities themselves. We have under the Census' VTD Program made revisions and corrections to obvious place boundaries errors suggested by updated county voting district geometry provided by the BOEs. We have created new files showing these changes, however, in many instances, the Census Bureau has not received the proper documentation from county and state officials to support these changes and may revert them back to the 2019 position if unable to confirm the changes through the Census Boundary Area Suggestion (BAS) procedures. Still, up until now, the Census Bureau has encouraged us to make boundary changes, in hope of improving realistic allocation of Census data after 2020.

We participated on July 19, 2019, in a group conference call with James Whitehorse (Chief of Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office) and other senior Census Bureau staff to discuss whether it would be useful to continue to make place boundary changes, as we proceed into the final phase of the VTD Program and submit corrections in 2020. The Census Bureau concluded that there was insufficient time to resolve BAS documentation errors before the decennial Census begins in April 2020 and as result, they could not accept any additional changes to place boundaries. This conclusion will result in an increased number of post-Census changes in 2021 in order to place all new data into the correct geography for redistricting as presented by the BOEs.

#### **Projected Activities for September 2019**

Voinovich staff will continue to receive and modify precinct geometry as it is received from county BOEs in preparation for submittal to the Census Bureau in January 2020.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: September 2019

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#### Task III Activities

Project staff have been reworking the precinct geometry and will continue to do so as other files arrive from the boards of elections (BOEs). There are still 19 counties that have not participated by sending new precinct geometry and an additional three that have not opened the redistricting website. Discussions with Monroe County resulted in completion of their precinct geometry updates. Warren County also submitted new precinct data this month. We continued to contact the other counties, offer assistance and ask for participation. The attached figure presents the status of county participation.

We remain in contact with all counties, encourage their participation, and continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This website will be maintained and updated at least until June 30, 2021 to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 20, 2020.

During the Month of October 2019 Redistricting 2021 project personnel will continue to interact with county boards of election and GIS departments to obtain data necessary to prepare the most up to date precinct geometry. We also intend to request direct assistance in reminding counties of the need for their participation from the Secretary of State Office of Elections to advise the non-participating counties of the importance of their contribution to the process.

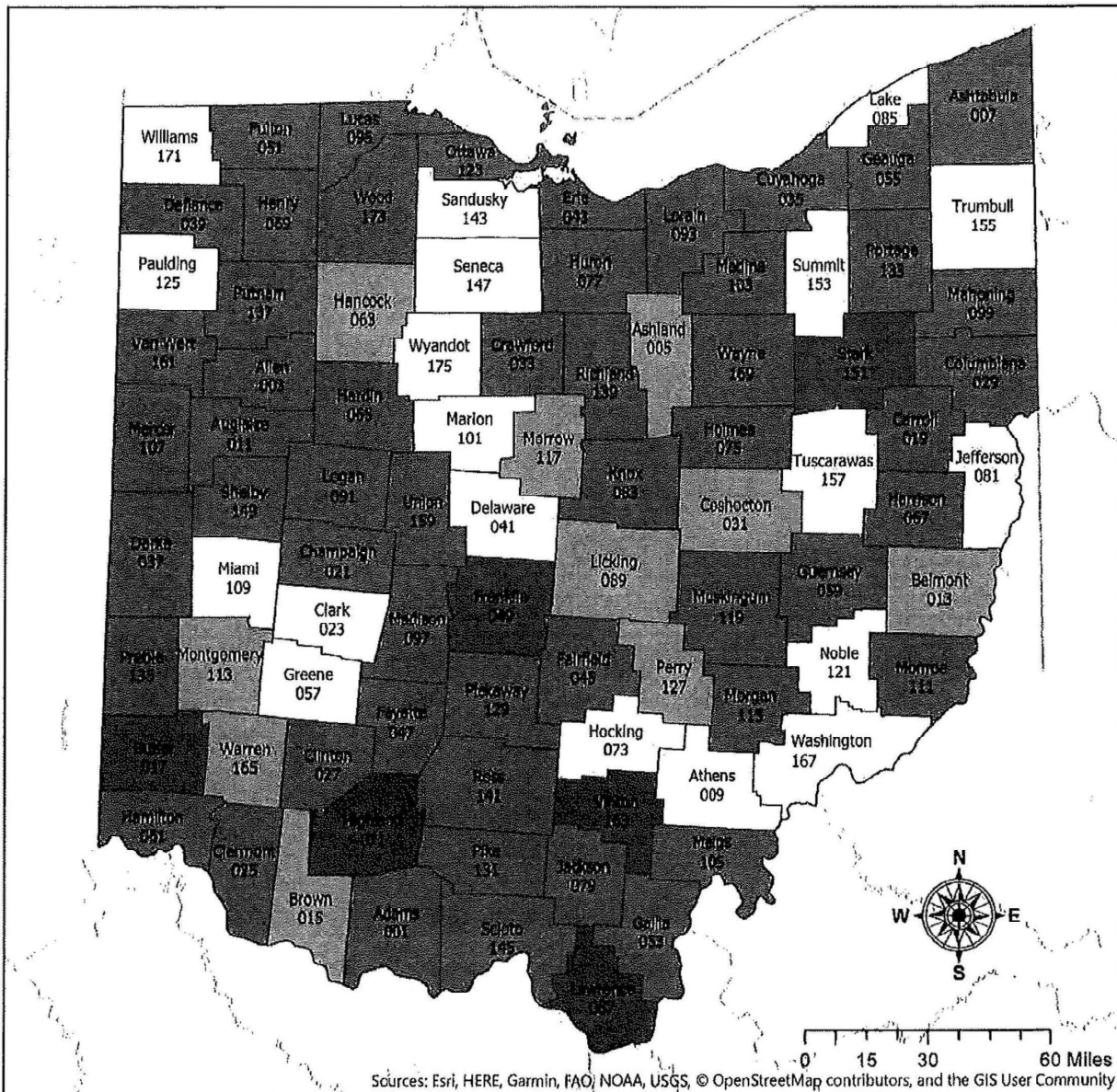
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Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) November 26, 2019

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The previous report submitted on October 24, 2019 covered the period from September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of October 2019. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

Project work during the month of October 2019 included continuing work under Task III – Adjust Precinct Boundaries as County BOE's Provide Data and Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

### Task III Activities

There are still 19 counties that have not participated by sending new precinct geometry including two, Highland and Vinton Counties, that have not opened the Redistricting website. Hocking County accepted the redistricting mapping geometry as existing on the website without modification. This moves them to a "have participated" status. We received a new precinct geometry files from Delaware County and Athens County. Licking County sent PDFs responding to the redistricting website; however they rejected all boundary changes that resulted from mismatches with the municipal boundaries mapped by the Census Bureau. These municipal boundary rejections cannot be accepted based on direction from the Census Bureau in September 2019. Figure 1 (attached) shows the participation status of all counties.

Butler, Brown and Ashland Counties provided additional updates to their precinct boundaries since the May 2019 submittals. Wood County submitted a precinct map with all the road rights of ways excluded from the voting districts, rather than just using the centerlines of roads as the boundaries. This error will take some effort to repair for submittal to the Census Bureau.

Telephone discussions were held with Summit, Lake, Highland and Clark Counties, who all agreed to send the requested mapping but nothing arrived during the month of October. Lawrence County reviewed the website, called for assistance, and left a message. Subsequent efforts to reconnect with them have been unsuccessful; they do not answer their phone or respond to emails.

We contacted Amanda Grandjean; Director of Elections at the Secretary of State's office on October 22, 2019 to obtain whatever assistance that she might contribute to encourage counties to participate in the redistricting effort. In response she sent emails to non-participating counties asking for participation. Several counties previously mentioned responded to her request.

Requested efforts by the LSC to solicit assistance from the Legislature resulted in telephone and email contact by the Office of the Speaker of the House. Discussions included identification of the issues surrounding chronic mismatch of county municipal boundaries with Census Bureau municipal boundaries. It was concluded that legislative efforts could not address the issues in a timely manner that would assist us in complying with the March 2020 final data submission date before the Census 2020 begins in April.

We remain in contact with all counties, we encourage their participation, and we continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This website will be maintained and updated throughout the period of the project to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 20, 2020.

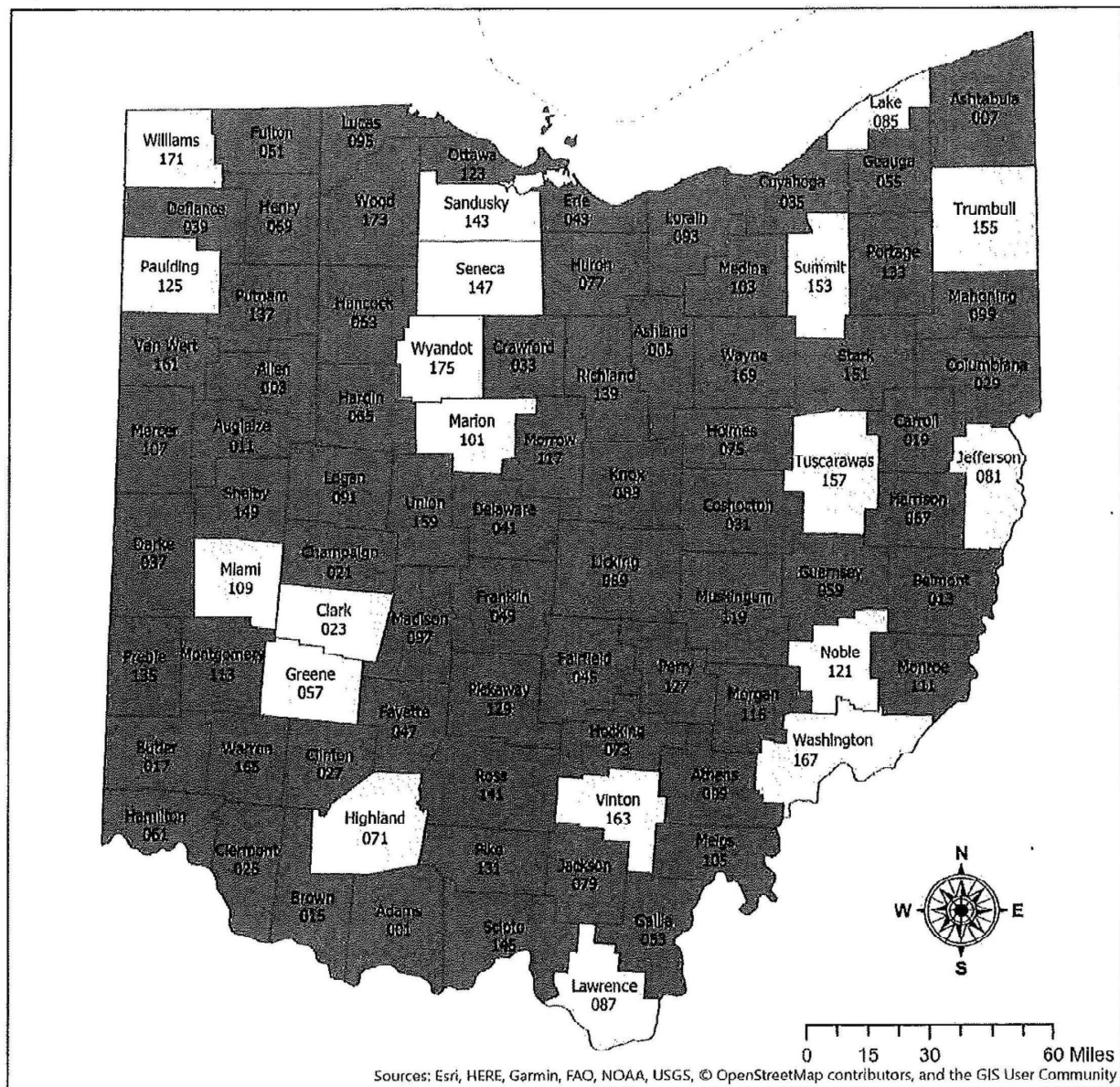
During the Month of November 2019 Redistricting 2021 project personnel will continue to interact with county boards of elections and GIS departments to obtain data necessary to prepare the most up to date precinct geometry. We also intend to request additional assistance in reminding counties of the need for their participation from the Secretary of State's Office of Elections to advise the non-participating counties of the importance of their contribution to the process.

Any county data obtained between August and December 31, 2019 will be used to make corrections to the precinct maps for the respective counties. We will hold the modified precinct maps until there is a new opportunity to submit changes to the Census Bureau. The next and final update period where precinct maps can be submitted to the Census Bureau, before the 2020 Census begins, starts the first week of January 2020 and ends on March 20, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes after that date. The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed into the blocks and precincts, will be provided back the State through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.

#### **Projected Activities for November 2019**

Voinovich School staff will continue to receive and modify precinct geometry as it is received from county BOEs in preparation for submittal to the Census Bureau beginning January 2020. We intend to become increasingly active in contacting non-participating counties and in obtaining whatever assistance that may be available from the Secretary of State's office to encourage county BOEs to participate in the project. New mapping data based on the May 2019 submittal is expected from the Census Bureau during the first week of January 2020.





## County Participation as of 10/31/2019

Status as of 10/31/2019

□ Non-Participating

■ Participating

Project Summary:

As of October 31 there are 69 counties participating in the project.

There are still 19 counties that are non-participating.



## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

Progress Report: November 2019

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager

Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs

Month of November, 2019

Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) November 26, 2019

### Project Purpose and Background

The previous report submitted on November 24, 2019 covered the period from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of November 2019. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

Project work during the month of November 2019 included continuing work under Task III – Adjust Precinct Boundaries as County BOE's Provide Data and Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

### Task III Activities

Only 13 counties remain that have not participated by sending new precinct geometry or by confirming their concurrence with the Census Bureau mapping. Washington, Paulding and Sandusky Counties accepted the Census redistricting mapping geometry as existing on the website without modification. This moves these counties to a "have participated" status. Perry County reconfirmed the accuracy of new geometry provided in May 2019. Lake and Seneca Counties finally made contact and promised (now that elections are complete) to shortly review the website and provide new precinct data. Telephone discussions were attempted with Vinton, Highland and Lawrence Counties. Highland County promised to engage the issue and call back with questions. No additional contacts from them have been received. Figure 1 (attached) shows the participation status of all counties as of December 1, 2019.

James Whitehorne of the Census Bureau spoke recently on the national progress of the upcoming Census, noting that some states had difficulties with county participation. Members of the Ohio State Legislature attended this conference; returning with an enhanced interest in the progress of the redistricting mapping project. As result, a meeting was requested by the House Minority Leader to explore the progress and technical issues of the ongoing database preparation process. Michael Finney and I provided an update on the Redistricting project to the House Minority leader and several members of her staff on November 14, 2019. The group resolved to direct Democratic House members in non-participating counties to communicate with their boards of elections and encourage participation. This likely facilitated the participation of Summit County this month.

We remain in contact with all counties, we encourage their participation, and we continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This

website will be maintained throughout the project period to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 20, 2020.

During the Month of December 2019 Redistricting 2021 project personnel will continue to interact with county boards of elections and GIS departments to obtain data necessary to prepare the most up to date precinct geometry. We also intend to request additional assistance in reminding counties of the need for their participation from the Secretary of State's Office of Elections to advise the non-participating counties of the importance of their contribution to the process.

Any county data obtained between August and December 31, 2019 will be used to make corrections to the precinct maps for the respective counties. We will hold the modified precinct maps until there is a new opportunity to submit changes to the Census Bureau. The next and final update period where precinct maps can be submitted to the Census Bureau, before the 2020 Census begins, starts the first week of January 2020 and ends on March 20, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes after that date. The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed into the blocks and precincts, will be provided back the State through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.

#### **Projected Activities for December 2019**

Voinovich School staff will continue to receive and modify precinct geometry as it is received from county BOEs in preparation for submittal to the Census Bureau in January 2020. We intend to become increasingly active in contacting non-participating counties and in obtaining whatever assistance that may be available from the Secretary of State's office to encourage county BOEs to participate in the project. New mapping data based on the May 2019 submittal is expected to arrive from the Census Bureau during the first week of January 2020. We will then have approximately 9 weeks to submit final updates to the Census Bureau for all county voting district geometry.





## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

Progress Report: December 2019

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs  
Month of December, 2019  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) January 10, 2020

### Project Purpose and Background

The previous report submitted on December 9, 2019 covered the period from initiation of the work in November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019. This report summarizes activities conducted under the Redistricting 2021 contract between Ohio University and the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) for the month of December 2019. The scope of work for this project is based on the proposal prepared by Ohio University and submitted to LSC in early 2016. Work on the project has continued according to the defined tasks and subtasks as described in the scope of work within the proposal.

Project work during the month of December 2019 included continuing work under Task III – Adjust Precinct Boundaries as County BOE's Provide Data and Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

### Task III Activities

On December 22, we sent emails to each of the 12 non-participating counties to encourage project participation. A few counties responded. Lake County provided new voting district geometry on December 12, 2019. Jefferson County provided PDF corrections on December 23, asserted to have been provided last March. Miami County provided new precinct shapefiles on December 23. Wyandot County notified us of recombination of a village into a township on December 30, 2019 and confirmed that all other districts remain consistent with the blue lines on the web map. Nine counties remain that have not participated by sending new precinct geometry or by confirming their concurrence with the Census Bureau mapping. Figure 1 (attached) shows the participation status of all counties as of December 31, 2019.

We remain in contact with all counties, encourage their participation, and continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This website will be maintained and updated at least until June 30, 2021 to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 31, 2020.

Any county data obtained between August and December 31, 2019 will be used to make corrections to the precinct maps for the respective counties. We received the revised voting district shapefiles from the Census Bureau on January 6, 2020. We will begin submitting the revised final precinct boundaries during the week of January 13, 2020. New precinct mapping data received by March 30, 2020 will also be used to revise county VTDs.



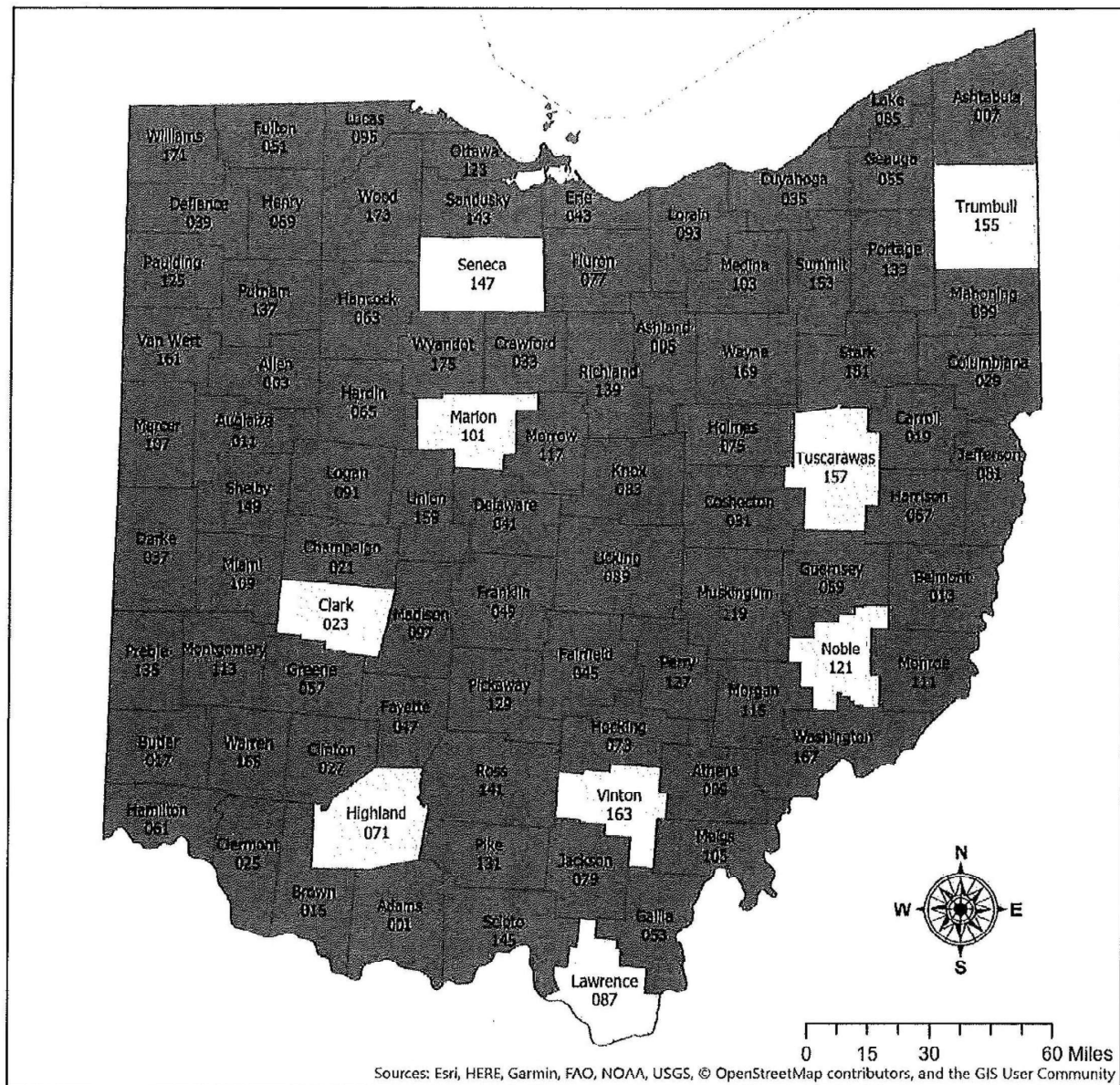
#### **Projected Activities for January 2020**

This is the beginning of the final update period where precinct maps can be submitted to the Census Bureau, before the 2020 Census begins. It ends on March 31, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes after that date. The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed into the blocks and precincts, will be provided back the State through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.

GVS staff (Mike Finney and Robert Wiley) will attend the annual Ohio Association of Election Officials conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> of January at the downtown Hilton Hotel in Columbus. We will be setting up a table with live internet connections to our redistricting web map site. We will assist counties with the reviewing of their data on the website and encourage participation in this program.

Voinovich School staff will continue to receive and modify precinct geometry as it is received from county BOEs in preparation for submittal to the Census Bureau starting in January 2020. We have become increasingly active in contacting non-participating counties and in obtaining whatever assistance that may be available from the Secretary of State's office to encourage county BOEs to participate in the project. New data based on the May 2019 submittal has arrived from the Census Bureau during the first week of January 2019. We will then have approximately 9 weeks to submit final updates for all county voting district geometry.





## County Participation as of 12/31/2019

Status as of 12/31/2019

□ Non-Participating

■ Participating

As of December 31, 2019 seventy-nine counties have participated.

There are still 9 counties that are non-participating.

## **Blessing, Heather**

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**From:** Wiley, Robert <wiley1@ohio.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** Blessing, Heather  
**Cc:** Finney, Michael  
**Subject:** Split blocks

There should be no more split blocks but we are rechecking the Census geography against the files we sent them in March 2020.

Rob Wiley

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**From:** [Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:08 AM  
**To:** [Wiley, Robert](#)  
**Cc:** [Finney, Michael](#); [Jolley, Jason](#)  
**Subject:** RE: help with explanation

Thank you very much! This is exactly the kind of summary I was looking for. So, does this mean there are no more split census blocks?? If so, hallelujah!

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**Subject:** RE: help with explanation

Ms. Blessing:

GVS will create the final Common Unified Redistricting Database (CURD) by linking the PL94-171 Census Data to the final geography files at a precinct and block level. We will also link the results of the 2020 election statewide races and the statewide races for the last five biennial races to precinct level data in one or more datasets known as "shapefiles". We



will provide a data dictionary for those using the datasets. We will also provide limited training for those participating in redistricting on an as requested basis; however, we will not participate in the redistricting process at any level.

There should be no block splitting this time because of the iterative processes of block, precinct and boundary revisions completed over the past four years. We will not conduct any reformatting except to shorten candidate or issues names to fit limited database column widths.

We are in the process of linking the election results data to the geography data files now and intend to be ready when the PL94-171 data arrives to quickly create the final CURD. This last effort should require about two weeks or less to conduct quality control and link the files, as long as the received PL94-171 is identical to the example data recently provided by the Census Bureau for Providence RI.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.



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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** [Finney, Michael](#); [Wiley, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** help with explanation

Dear Mr. Finney and Mr. Wiley:

I hope you are doing well. I was wondering if you could help me with a quick summary about what reformatting or processing OU does with the census data once it's received and before it's passed on to LSC.. I know that for state redistricting, the data is reformatted so that the lowest level is the split census block, but I didn't know what specifically was done for the congressional district database and what other services/work OU does with the data for (1) state redistricting (2) congressional redistricting. I was looking for some kind of summary in case I am asked specifically when the data is released in non-tabulated format in mid to late August by the census.

Sincerely,  
Heather Blessing

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## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: February 2020

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of February, 2020  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) March 9, 2020

### Project Purpose and Background

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Project work during the month of February 2020 included continuing work under Task III – Adjust Precinct Boundaries as County BOE's Provide Data and Task VI – Project Management and Reporting.

### Task III Activities

GVS has continued to receive and process final county voting district changes and submit final changes to the Census Bureau. On February 5, 2020, an email was sent to all counties asking them to confirm that their voting districts were up-to-date, complete and that no additional revisions would be provided to us. We have received notifications of completion from 34 counties since that request. We have forwarded County voting district shapefiles to the Census Bureau that have been revised and completed.

We were instructed by the Census Bureau that precinct boundary changes resulting from municipal boundary annexations could not be processed in this final revision phase ending March 31, 2020. On January 9, we received additional direction from the Census Bureau that we could process annexation boundary changes until February 14, 2020, if such changes were approved and official at the local level by December 31, 2019, and only if supported by required ordinances and maps. The GVS shared this information via email with all 88 counties on January 7, 2020. We received complete annexation data packages from Fayette, Franklin, Ottawa, and Union Counties before February 14, processed them and submitted them to the Census Bureau. Madison and Perry Counties sent annexation data after the February 14 deadline. This data will be filed for potential future use.

The GVS has reclassified the progress map to show the status of each county in terms of both project participation and map completion status for the final submittal to the Census Bureau. Figure 1 (attached) shows the county completion status as described below:

- **Non-participating:** As of February 29, 2020, there are still 2 counties that have not provided any data, new shapefiles, or responded to the website. These are Noble and Tuscarawas Counties. Both have been contacted by telephone and email. Noble County reported no changes since 2016 and will be sent as complete to the Census Bureau. Tuscarawas County reported problems with

personnel changes and email blocking issues. GVS will continue to work with them to process their up-to-date precincts before the end of March 2020.

- **Participating:** These 28 counties have been guided by the GVS on completion of precinct boundaries. These counties have either self-identified as complete or have submitted minor final changes yet to be processed.
- **Participating Under Revision:** The GVS has received final precinct boundary data for 21 counties and is in the process of creating the final map updates to be sent to the Census Bureau.
- **Participating Complete:** Final revisions are complete for 37 counties and there were no changes to precinct boundaries in 2020. These have been submitted to the Census Bureau as complete.

We remain in contact with all counties, encourage their participation, and continue to offer them assistance. One aspect of our continued assistance is the maintenance of the Redistricting website. Each county was provided a link and five password protected individual accounts on February 8, 2019. This website will be maintained and updated at least until June 30, 2021 to allow the counties to see progress on voting district geography and offer any additional changes that we could incorporate until March 31, 2020.

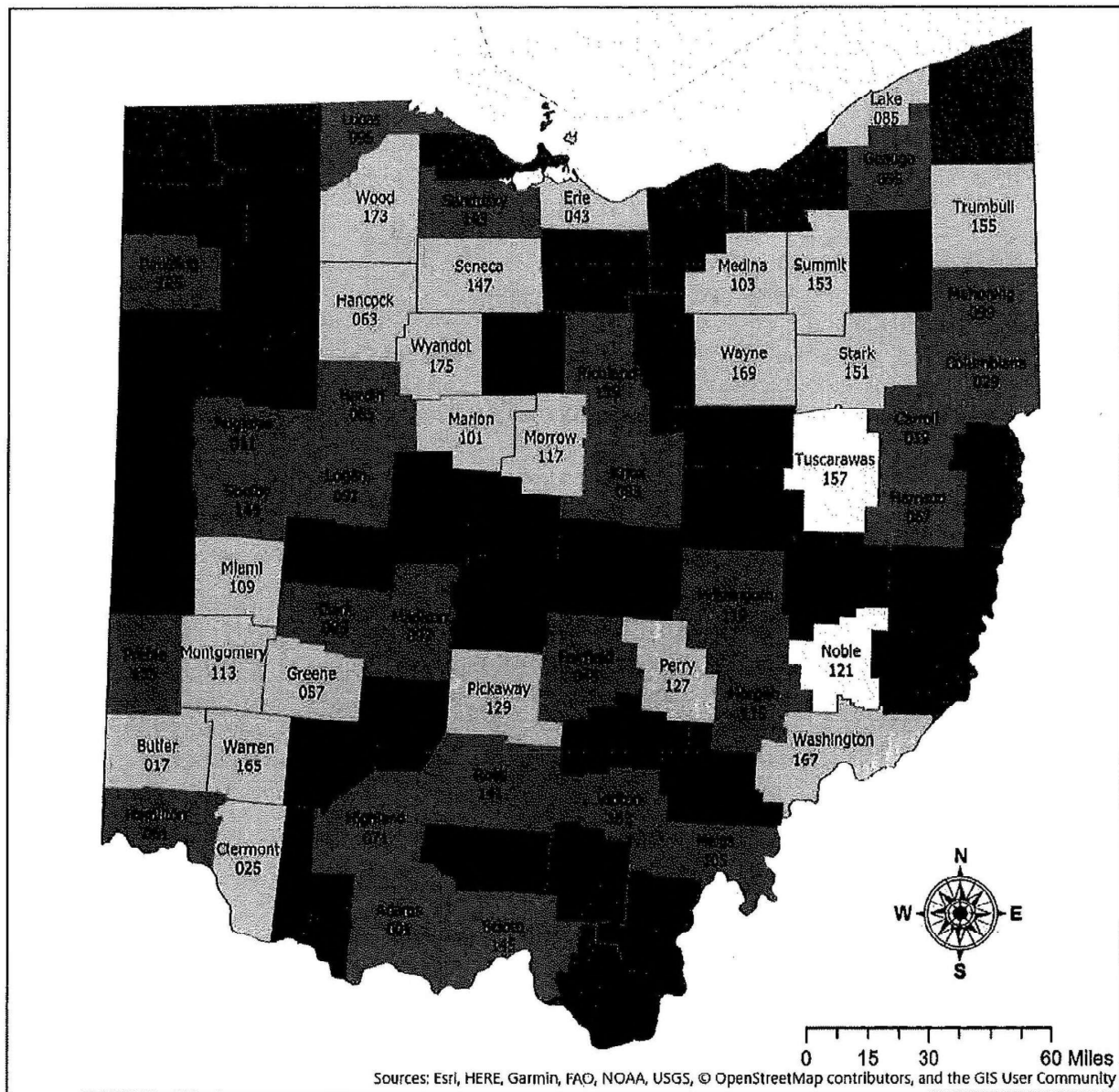
Any additional county data obtained between during March 2020 will be used to make corrections to the precinct maps for the respective counties. Any precinct data received after that date will be filed for potential future use but not submitted to the Census Bureau this year. A total of 37 counties have been submitted to the Census Bureau as complete as of February 29, 2020.

#### **Projected Activities for March 2020**

We had asked the counties to submit any final changes by March 1, 2020 to allow for time to complete final revisions. The final VTDV2 revision period ends on March 31, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes after that date. We continue to actively contact non-participating counties to encourage county BOEs to participate in the project. We will submit completed county precinct files to the Census Bureau as finished by staff at the GVS.

The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed by the blocks and precincts, will be provided back the State through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.





## County Participation as of 02/29/2020

Status as of 02/29/2020

- ☐ Non-Participating
- ☐ Participating - Under Revision
- ☐ Participating
- ☐ Participating - Complete

As of February 29, 2020 eighty-six counties have participated.

There are still 2 counties that are non-participating.

There are still 27 counties that participated in the last phase of the project but have not indicated whether additional updates will need to be implemented in this final phase.

## Redistricting 2021 – Develop the Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database

### Progress Report: January 2020

Prepared by Robert L. Wiley, Redistricting Project Manager  
George Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (GVS)  
Month of January, 2020  
Prepared for the Ohio Legislative Services Commission (LSC) January 31, 2020

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#### Task III Activities

On January 1, 2020 the final precinct revision phase (VTDV2) began. The US Census Bureau provided the CDs containing the new partnership map data files on January 6, 2020. The disks include, among other spatial data, the final place boundaries and the most recent precinct shapefiles resulting from revisions submitted by GVS on or before May 31, 2019. These latest precinct shapefiles were posted on our Redistricting web map for comparison with county precinct geometry, particularly those revised or received and under revision since May 31, 2019. In addition, we began geocoding the 2020 voter registration address locations downloaded from the Secretary of State to assist in the final revision phase.

We had been previously instructed by the Census Bureau that precinct boundary changes resulting from municipal boundary annexations could not be processed in this final revision phase ending March 31, 2020. On January 9, we received additional direction from the Census Bureau that we could process annexation boundary changes until February 14, 2020, if such changes were approved and official at the local level by December 31, 2019, and only if supported by required ordinances and maps. The GVS shared this information via email with all 88 counties on January 7, 2020. We have received a complete annexation documentation from Ottawa County and will forward that change to the Census Bureau. Pickaway County has promised to send us their annexations before the February 14, 2020 closing date.

Mike Finney and Robert Wiley attended the 2020 Ohio Association of Election Officials conference between January 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. We set up a table display in the vendor area with live monitors, and assisted county election officials with the use of the web map and the process of voting district boundary revisions. We had a steady stream of interested BOE members. We made efforts to meet with members from non-participating counties to encourage participation. This effort resulted in



several formerly non-participating counties engaging with us and sending new maps or helping correct their maps using the mapping web site developed by the GVS.

The GVS has reclassified the progress map to show the status of each county in terms of both project participation and map completion status for the final submittal to the Census Bureau. Figure 1 (attached) shows the county completion status as described below:

- **Non-participating:** As of January 31, 2020, there are still four counties that have not provided any data, new shapefiles, or responded to the website.
- **Participating:** These 56 counties have been contacted and guided by the GVS on completion of precinct boundaries. These counties are in the process of creating final revisions and promise submittal within the next few weeks.
- **Participating Under Revision:** The GVS has received final precinct boundary data for 24 counties and is in the process of creating the final map updates to be sent to the Census Bureau.
- **Participating Complete:** Final revisions are complete and there were no changes to precinct boundaries in 2020. These have been submitted to the Census Bureau as complete.

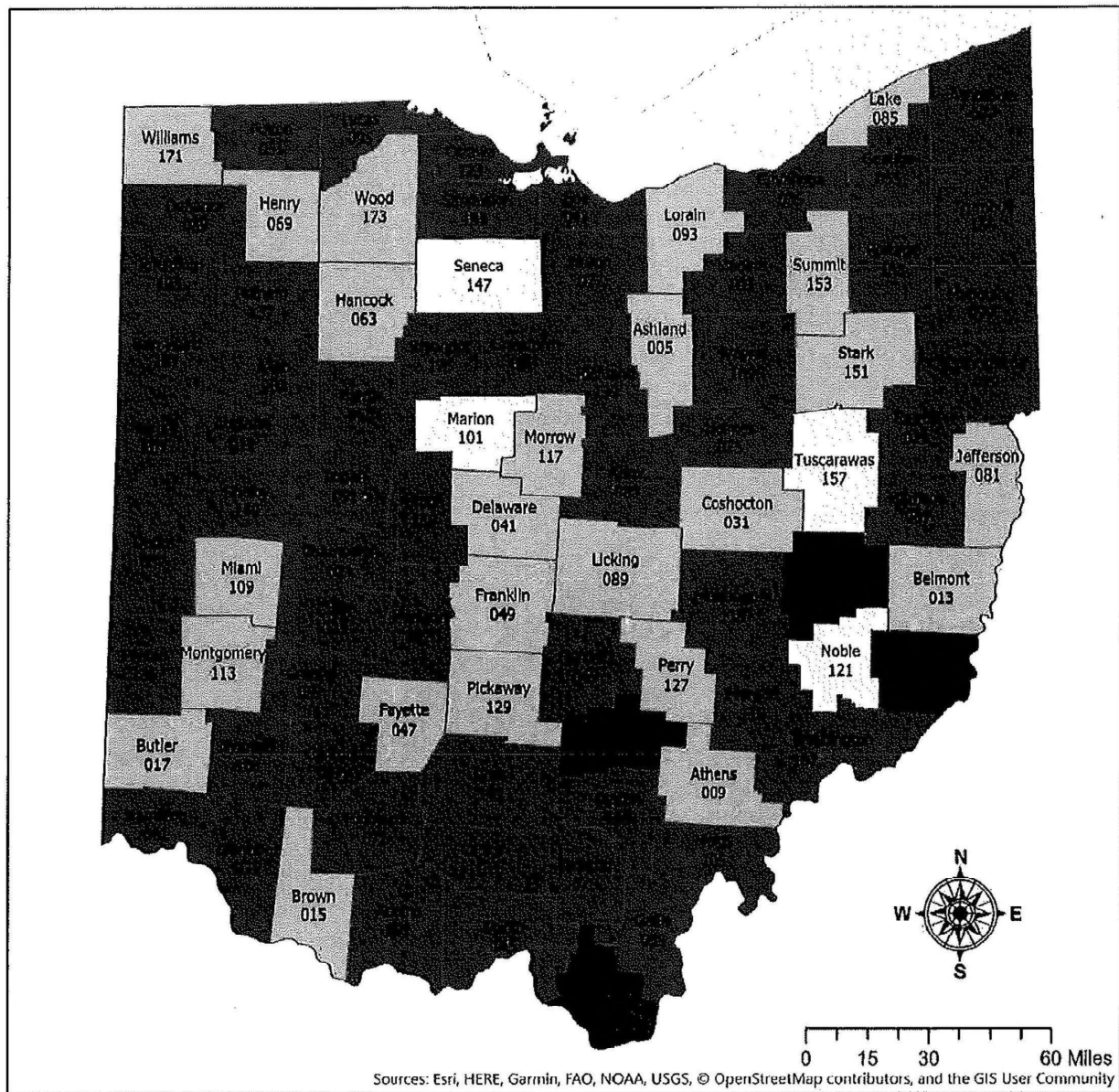
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Any county data obtained between May 31, 2019 and March 1, 2020 will be used to make corrections to the precinct maps for the respective counties. We began submitting the revised final precinct boundaries that are complete to the Census Bureau during the week of January 27, 2020.

#### **Projected Activities for February 2020**

We have asked the counties to submit any final changes by March 1, 2020 to allow for time to complete final revisions. The final VTDV2 revision period ends on March 31, 2020. The Census Bureau will not accept any precinct geography changes after that date. We continue to actively contact non-participating counties to encourage county BOEs to participate in the project. We will submit completed county precinct files to the Census Bureau as finished by staff at the GVS.

The Census begins on April 1, 2020. Census data, parsed by the blocks and precincts, will be provided back to the State through the PL 94-171 data program on March 31, 2021.



## County Participation as of 01/31/2020

Status as of 01/31/2020

- Non-Participating
- Participating
- Participating - Complete
- Participating - Under Revision

As of January 31, 2020 eighty-four counties have participated.

There are still 4 counties that are non-participating.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Freda J. Levenson, hereby certify that on October 22, 2021, I caused a true and correct copy of the following documents to be served by email upon the counsel listed below:

- 1. Affidavit of Collin J. Marozzi**
- 2. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 1 of 6 (pages 1 - 289)**
- 3. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 2 of 6 (pages 290 - 557)**
- 4. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 3 of 6 (pages 558 - 834)**
- 5. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 4 of 6 (pages 835 - 998)**
- 6. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 5 of 6 (pages 999 - 1226)**
- 7. Public Records Requests, Appendix of Exhibits, Volume 6 of 6 (pages 1227 - 1462)**

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