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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill redraws U.S. congressional district lines in Ohio based on the 2020 decennial census for elections held in 2026, 2028, and 2030. Redistricting costs are paid for under GRF appropriation line item (ALI) 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, under the budget of the Legislative Service Commission.
- FY 2026 expenditures for redistricting activities year-to-date as of September 2025 under GRF ALI 035407 have totaled just over \$115,000.
- County boards of elections will also incur costs for remapping, redistricting, and database reprogramming for the new boundaries established in the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes U.S. congressional district boundaries for the state based on the 2020 decennial census for elections held in 2026, 2028, and 2030. The legislative process of redrawing these districts is supported by GRF appropriation line items (ALIs) under the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) budget: GRF ALI 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, and, as needed, GRF ALI 035420, Ohio Redistricting Commission. Since FY 2020 and year-to-date FY 2026 through September 2025, expenditures from these two line items totaled approximately \$1.5 million for redistricting both U.S. congressional districts and General Assembly districts. Just over \$115,000 of this total has been expended under GRF ALI 035407 so far in FY 2026. These expenditures were for mapping software applications, consulting and research services, mileage reimbursements, and other such expenses related to the process of redistricting.

In addition to the state, the 88 county boards of elections will incur costs for the redistricting process. These costs are related to remapping and re-precincting counties, reprogramming database systems, and potentially reprogramming voting machines where applicable.