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SUMMARY

- Establishes new congressional district boundaries for Ohio based on the results of the 2020 federal census.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Congressional district plan

Generally

The bill establishes new congressional district boundaries for Ohio based on the results of the 2020 federal census. Beginning in 2022, Ohio is entitled to 15 members of the U.S. House of Representatives instead of the current 16 members.

The bill describes each district by county and census block.¹ Please note that LSC did not generate the map image, and cannot verify that it accurately represents the districts as described in the bill.



¹ R.C. 3521.01 through 3521.0115. Each district's number matches its assigned supplemental Revised Code section number – for example, District 1 is located in R.C. 3521.011, and District 15 is located in R.C. 3521.0115.

Unassigned territory

Any territory that the bill does not assign to a district is included in the district with the least population, according to the 2020 census, that is contiguous to the unassigned territory.²

Definitions and incorporation by reference

As used in the bill, “census block” and “county” have the same meanings and describe the same geographical boundaries as used by the Census Bureau in reporting the 2020 decennial census. The official report of the 2020 census and all official documents relating to the report are incorporated by reference into the bill.³

Background on congressional redistricting

The Ohio Constitution lays out the timelines, procedures, required votes, and district drawing standards for congressional redistricting, as adopted by Ohioans in a 2018 constitutional amendment.⁴ For an overview, see LSC’s Members Brief, [Redistricting in Ohio](#). For a more detailed explanation of the constitutional requirements for congressional redistricting, see LSC’s [final analysis of S.J.R. 5 of the 132nd General Assembly](#).

LSC cannot determine whether a given district plan complies with the Ohio Constitution, the U.S. Constitution, or federal law.

HISTORY

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Introduced	10-27-21

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² R.C. 3521.01(B).

³ R.C. 3521.01(A).

⁴ Ohio Constitution, Article XIX.