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ACT SUMMARY

- Establishes boundaries for the state's 18 Congressional districts based on the 2000 decennial census of Ohio.
- Specifies that any unassigned territory is included within the district (1) that contains the least population according to the 2000 decennial census of Ohio and (2) that is contiguous to that territory.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Congressional district boundaries

The act creates new Congressional district boundaries and in doing so reduces the number of Congressional districts in the state from 19 to 18. The Congressional districts created by the act contain the following territory (sec. 3521.01(A)):¹

First District: southwestern and part of central Butler County; and central and western Hamilton County.

Second District: Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Pike counties; eastern Hamilton County; western and part of central Scioto County; and southern and part of central Warren County.

¹ Appendix A, attached, provides a visual map of the Congressional district boundaries established by Am. Sub. H.B. 471.

Third District: Clinton and Highland counties; all except northeastern Montgomery County; and northern and part of central Warren County.

Fourth District: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Hancock, Hardin, Logan, Marion, Morrow, Richland, and Shelby counties; and western Wyandot County.

Fifth District: Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood counties; northern Ashland County; southwestern Lucas County; northern and part of central Mercer County; and eastern Wyandot County.

Sixth District: Columbiana, Gallia, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Washington counties; all except northwestern Athens County; all except part of northern and part of central Belmont County; all except northeastern Mahoning County; and eastern and part of central Scioto County.

Seventh District: Clark, Fairfield, Fayette, Greene, Perry, and Pickaway counties; part of southeastern Franklin County; and northwestern Ross County.

Eighth District: Darke, Miami, and Preble counties; northern, eastern, and part of central Butler County; southern and part of central Mercer County; and northeastern Montgomery County.

Ninth District: Erie and Ottawa counties; southern, western, and central Lorain County; and all except southwestern Lucas County.

Tenth District: western and part of central Cuyahoga County.

Eleventh District: part of eastern and part of central Cuyahoga County.

Twelfth District: Delaware County; northeastern, part of northern, and part of central Franklin County; and western and part of central Licking County.

Thirteenth District: southern Cuyahoga County; northeastern Lorain County; northern Medina County; and western, part of southern, and part of central Summit County.

Fourteenth District: Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake counties; part of eastern Cuyahoga County; northern Portage County; northeastern and part of central Summit County; and northern Trumbull County.

Fifteenth District: Madison and Union counties; and southwestern, part of northern, part of central, and part of southeastern Franklin County.



Sixteenth District: Stark and Wayne counties; central and southern Ashland County; and central and southern Medina County.

Seventeenth District: northeastern Mahoning County; central and southern Portage County; southeastern and part of central Summit County; and central and southern Trumbull County.

Eighteenth District: Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Knox, Morgan, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, and Vinton counties; northwestern Athens County; part of northern and part of central Belmont County; eastern and part of central Licking County; and all except northwestern Ross County.

Unassigned territory

Any county or part of a county that has not been assigned to one of the districts described in the act is included (1) within the district that contains the least population according to the 2000 decennial census and (2) that is contiguous to that county or part of that county (sec. 3521.01(B)).

Definitions and incorporation by reference

As used in the act, "counties," "census tracts," "census block groups," and "census blocks" have the same meanings and describe the same geographical boundaries as used by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census in reporting the 2000 decennial census of Ohio. The act incorporates by reference into the Revised Code the official report of that census and all official documents relating to that report. (Sec. 3521.01(C).)

COMMENT

Due to discrepancies between the census population databases used to draft and to analyze the Congressional district boundaries created by the act, district population counts, total plan deviation, and unassigned population could not be verified.

HISTORY

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