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Bill Analysis
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(As Introduced)

Sens. Herington, DiDonato, Brady, Mallory, Espy, Fingerhut, Furney, Hagan, Prentiss, Ryan, Shoemaker

BILL 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.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Congressional district boundaries

The bill 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 bill contain the following territory (sec. 3521.01(A)):¹

First District: central and western Hamilton County.

Second District: Warren County; central and southern Butler County; and eastern Hamilton County.

Third District: northern Butler County and all except the northwestern part of Montgomery County.

¹ Appendix A, attached, provides a visual map of the Congressional district boundaries established by S.B. 211.

Fourth District: Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake counties; northeastern Cuyahoga County; northern, central, and southeastern Portage County; and northern Trumbull County.

Fifth District: Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, and Williams counties; eastern and part of northern Auglaize County; part of central and part of southern Ottawa County; central and western Seneca County; and central and southern Wood County.

Sixth District: Athens, Fayette, Gallia, Guernsey, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties; eastern and part of northern Adams County; southeastern Highland County; southeastern and part of eastern Muskingum County; and central and western Pickaway County.

Seventh District: Brown, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, and Greene counties; central, western, and part of northern Adams County; two census blocks in Champaign County; all except the southeastern part of Highland County; and central and western Madison County.

Eighth District: Crawford, Darke, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby, Union, and Wyandot counties; central, western, and part of northern Auglaize County; all except two census blocks of Champaign County; northern and part of eastern Delaware County; and northwestern Montgomery County.

Ninth District: Erie and Lucas counties; northern, eastern, part of central, and part of southern Ottawa County; and northern Wood County.

Tenth District: western, part of southern, and part of central Cuyahoga County.

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

Twelfth District: southern and part of central Delaware County; northwestern, northeastern, southwestern, western, and part of central Franklin County; northern, central, and western Licking County; and eastern Madison County.

Thirteenth District: Huron, Lorain, Morrow, and Richland counties; part of northwestern and part of southwestern Knox County; northern and central Medina County; and eastern Seneca County.



Fourteenth District: Summit County; part of eastern and part of southeastern Cuyahoga County; and southwestern and part of southern Portage County.

Fifteenth District: southeastern, part of eastern, part of central, and part of northern Franklin County.

Sixteenth District: Ashland, Holmes, and Wayne counties; all except part of northwestern and part of southwestern Knox County; southern Medina County; and all except the eastern part of Stark County.

Seventeenth District: Columbiana and Mahoning counties; northern Carroll County; eastern Stark County; and central and southern Trumbull County.

Eighteenth District: Belmont, Coshocton, Fairfield, Harrison, Hocking, Jefferson, Perry, and Tuscarawas counties; all except the northern part of Carroll County; southern and part of eastern Licking County; all except the southeastern part and part of eastern Muskingum County; and eastern and southeastern Pickaway County.

Unassigned territory

Any county or part of a county that has not been assigned to one of the districts described in the bill 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 bill, "counties," "census tracts," "census block groups," and "census blocks" have the same meaning 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 bill 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

1. It appears, from examining the detail maps of the Congressional district boundaries included within the bill, that certain census blocks assigned to particular districts are not contiguous with the remaining territory assigned to those districts.

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

HISTORY

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