



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 369

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes boundaries for the state's 16 Congressional districts based on the 2010 decennial census of Ohio.
- Specifies that any unassigned territory is included within the district (1) that contains the least population according to the 2010 decennial census of Ohio and (2) that is contiguous to that territory.
- Repeals the provisions of Sub. H.B. 318 of the 129th General Assembly that establish two primary elections in 2012, make an appropriation to pay for the second primary election, and specify the General Assembly's intent regarding locations in which candidates should file their candidacy petitions.
- Repeals the provision of Sub. H.B. 319 of the 129th General Assembly that requires a mailing to be sent to all registered electors prior to the March 6, 2012, primary election, notifying them of their Congressional and General Assembly districts.
- 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 18 to 16. The Congressional districts created by the bill contain the following territory:¹

¹ R.C. 3521.01(A).

District 1: Warren County. Portions of Hamilton County.

District 2: Adams County, Brown County, Clermont County, Highland County, and Pike County. Portions of Hamilton County, Ross County, and Scioto County.

District 3: Portions of Franklin County.

District 4: Allen County, Auglaize County, Champaign County, Crawford County, Logan County, Sandusky County, Seneca County, Shelby County, and Union County. Portions of Erie County, Huron County, Lorain County, Marion County, and Mercer County.

District 5: Defiance County, Fulton County, Hancock County, Hardin County, Henry County, Paulding County, Putnam County, Van Wert County, Williams County, Wood County, and Wyandot County. Portions of Lucas County, Mercer County, and Ottawa County.

District 6: Belmont County, Carroll County, Columbiana County, Gallia County, Guernsey County, Harrison County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Lawrence County, Meigs County, Monroe County, Noble County, and Washington County. Portions of Athens County, Mahoning County, Muskingum County, Scioto County, and Tuscarawas County.

District 7: Ashland County, Coshocton County, Holmes County, and Knox County. Portions of Huron County, Lorain County, Medina County, Richland County, Stark County, and Tuscarawas County.

District 8: Butler County, Clark County, Darke County, Miami County, and Preble County. Portions of Mercer County.

District 9: Portions of Cuyahoga County, Erie County, Lorain County, Lucas County, and Ottawa County.

District 10: Greene County and Montgomery County. Portions of Fayette County.

District 11: Portions of Cuyahoga County and Summit County.

District 12: Delaware County, Licking County, and Morrow County. Portions of Franklin County, Marion County, Muskingum County, and Richland County.

District 13: Portions of Mahoning County, Portage County, Stark County, Summit County, and Trumbull County.



District 14: Ashtabula County, Geauga County, and Lake County. Portions of Cuyahoga County, Portage County, Summit County, and Trumbull County.

District 15: Clinton County, Fairfield County, Hocking County, Madison County, Morgan County, Perry County, Pickaway County, and Vinton County. Portions of Athens County, Fayette County, Franklin County, and Ross County.

District 16: Wayne County. Portions of Cuyahoga County, Medina County, Portage County, Stark County, and Summit 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 2010 decennial census and (2) that is contiguous to that county or part of that county.²

Definitions and incorporation by reference

As used in the bill, "county," "census tract," "census block group," and "census block" 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 2010 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.³

Repeal of H.B. 318 provisions

The bill repeals Sections 3, 4, and 5 of Sub. H.B. 318 of the 129th General Assembly. Those provisions would establish a separate primary election in 2012 for all offices affected by Congressional district boundaries, specify the manner in which a person would become a candidate in that election, make an appropriation to pay for the second primary election, and specify the General Assembly's intent regarding Congressional candidates who file prior to the December 7, 2011, filing deadline for the March 2012 primary election. By repealing those sections, the bill eliminates the requirement that a second primary election be conducted and all funding associated with that second primary election.⁴

² R.C. 3521.01(B).

³ R.C. 3521.01(C).

⁴ Section 3 of the bill.

Repeal of H.B. 319 provision

The bill repeals Section 3 of Sub. H.B. 319 of the 129th General Assembly, which requires a board of elections to mail a notice to each registered elector in the county, not later than 35 days before the March 6, 2012, primary election, notifying the elector of the day of the election, the elector's precinct, and the Congressional district and General Assembly district in which the elector's voting residence is located. By repealing that section, the bill eliminates the duty of a board of elections to send such a notice.⁵

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⁵ Section 4 of the bill.

