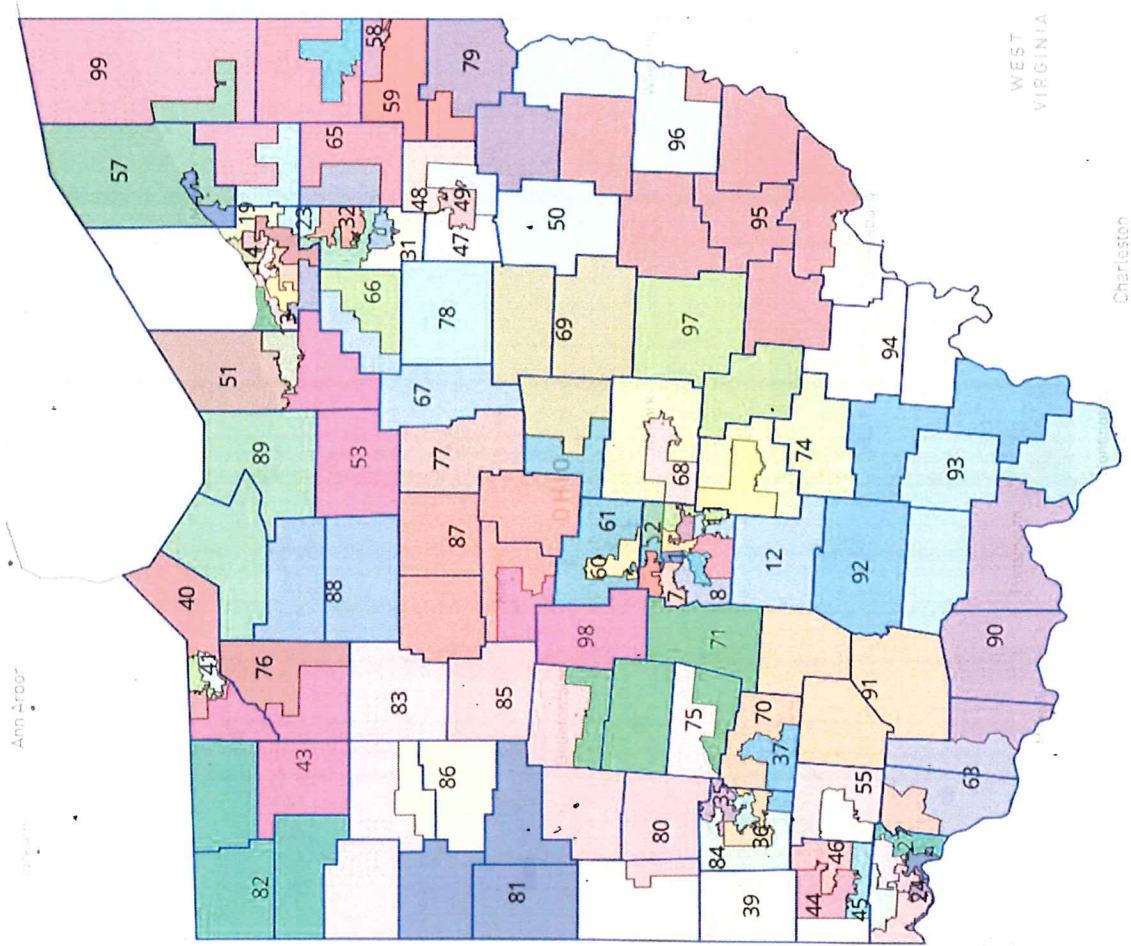


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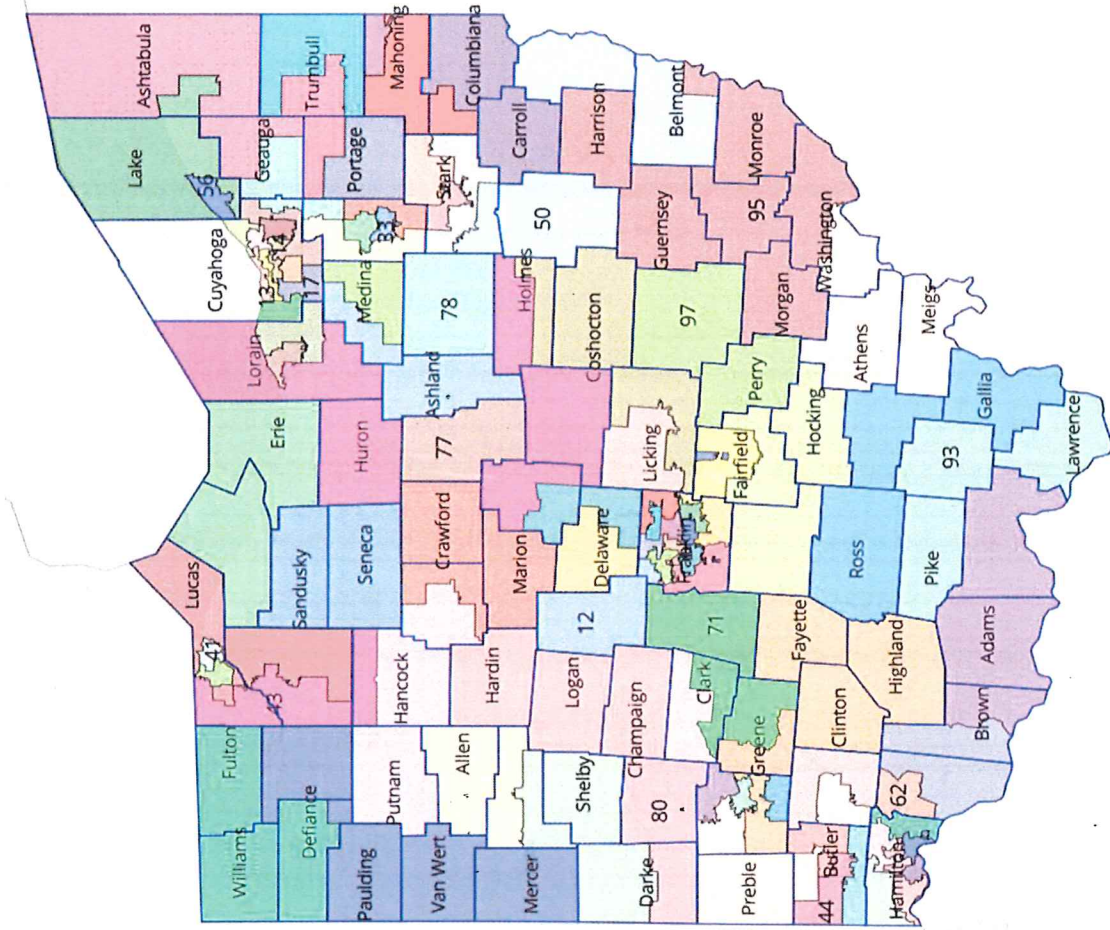
September 13, 2021

- Co-Chair Cupp, Co-Chair Sykes and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, thank you for the opportunity to speak about the changes we are proposing to the Commission's redistricting plan. My name is Chris Glassburn and I am with Project Govern and am a consultant and map drawer for the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus.
- Our amendment used the commission map as the base. We used the same approach as the commission map to address the drawing of Senate districts in Northeast Ohio. However, in doing so, we were able to keep the city of Solon whole, unlike the commission map, which splits it.
- I'll go into more detail, but before I do, I want to emphasize that overall, we enhanced constitutional compliance by reducing splits of cities and counties throughout the state. We eliminated the commission's single split of a township in Stark County. We increased the number of competitive seats, and our map is closer to the proportionality required by Article 11, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution than the commission map.
- This amendment is further evidence that we are serious about enacting a 10-year map. The map presented by Senate Democrats two weeks ago resulted in 44 likely Democratic House seats and 14 likely Democratic Senate seats. Our amendment today would result in 42 likely Democratic House seats and 13 likely Democratic Senate seats.
- As with our first proposal, the districts were drawn in compliance with the Voting Rights Act to ensure minority communities can select their candidate of choice.
- I would also like to make a note about maps that have been submitted to the Commission that have emphasized competitiveness. We have taken those maps into careful consideration. Dave's Redistricting is an incredibly useful tool, however, it cannot verify that a proposed map is compliant with the Ohio Constitution. For example, the Geoff Wise map that won the Fair Districts competition scored very well on competitiveness. However, it had over 50 violations in splitting certain political subdivisions that are not always able to be seen on Dave's Redistricting.

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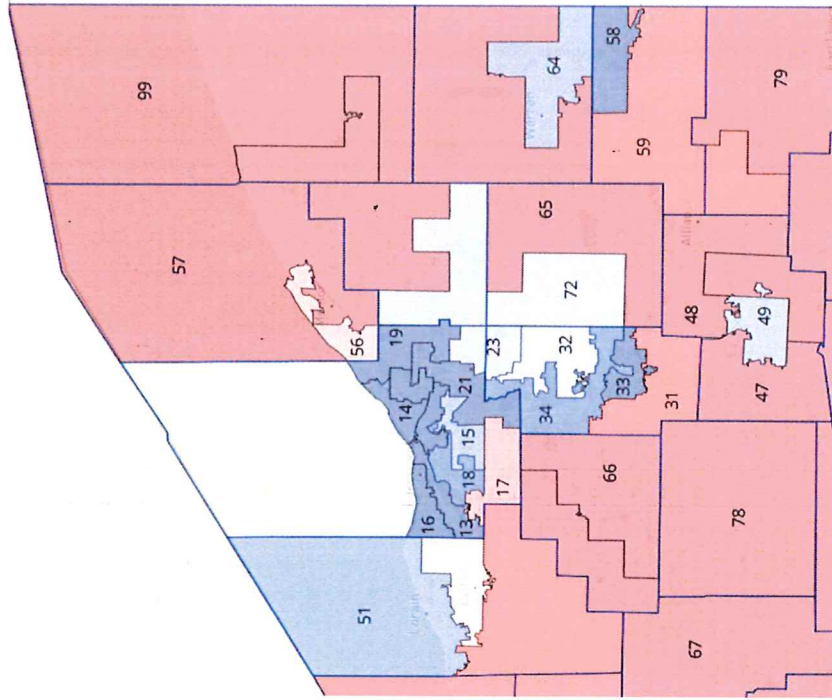


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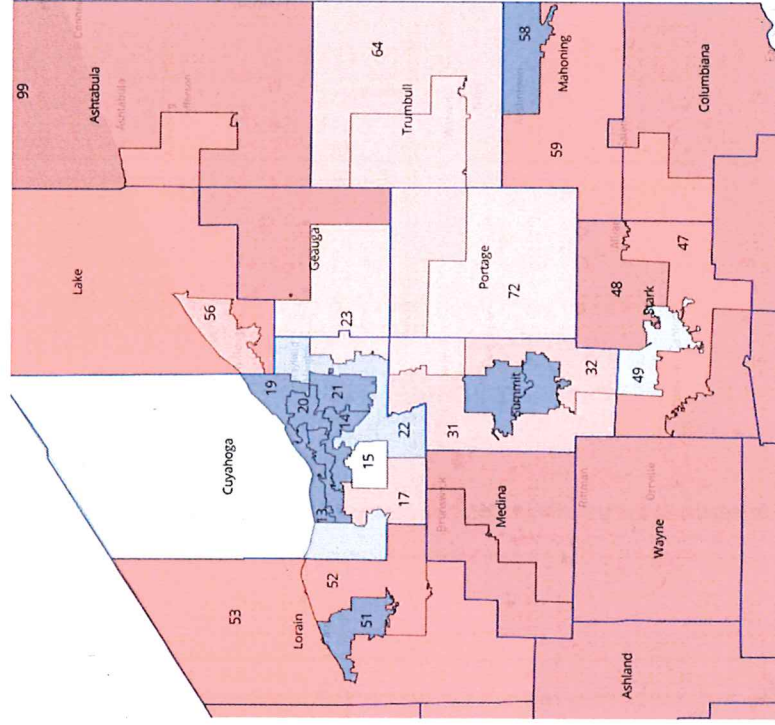
NE Ohio

Proposal



19 Dem Districts

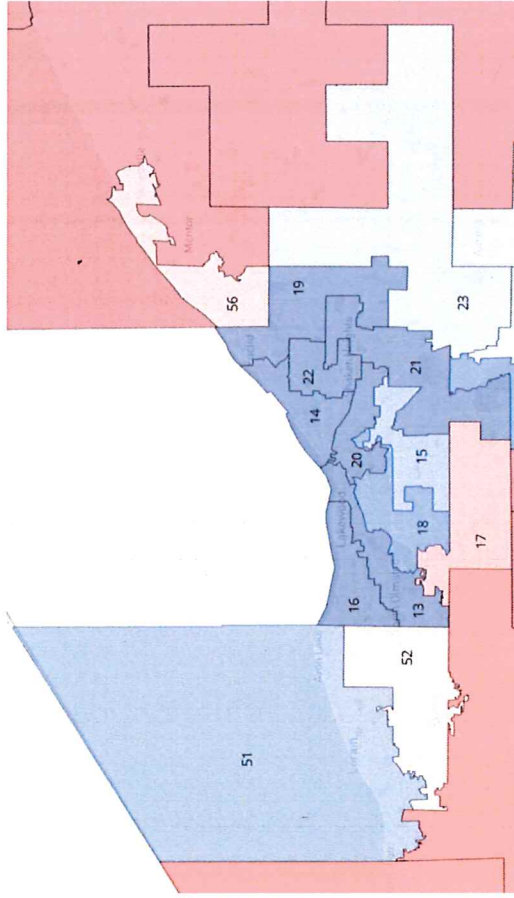
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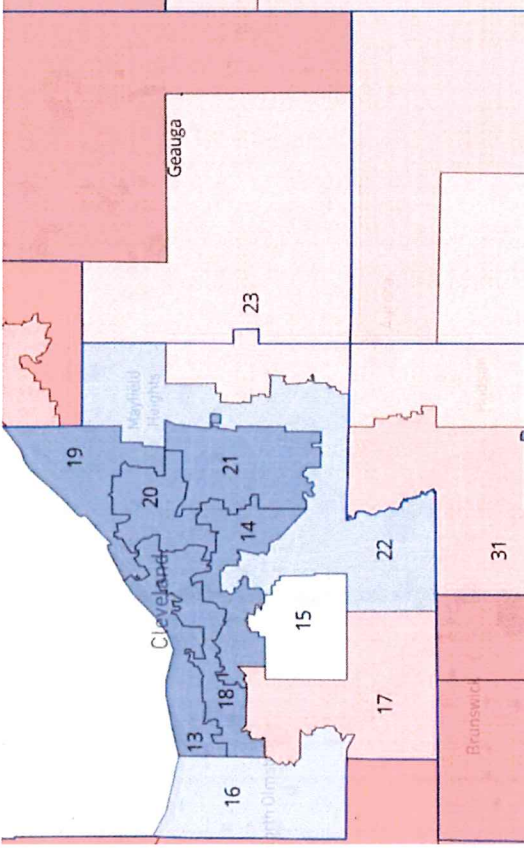
Cuyahoga County

Proposal



10 Dem Districts
(D23 split between Summit and Geauga)

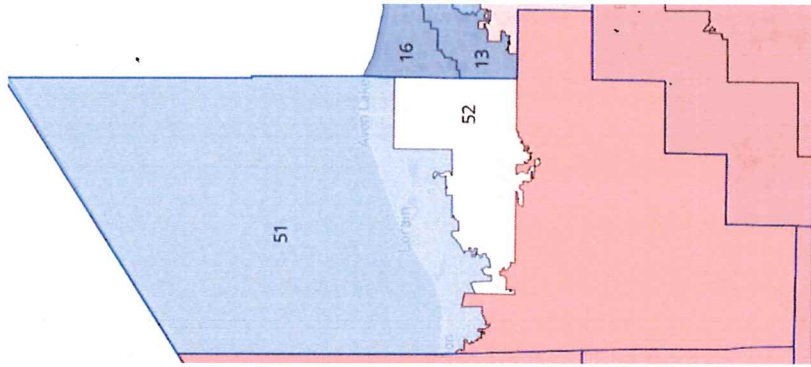
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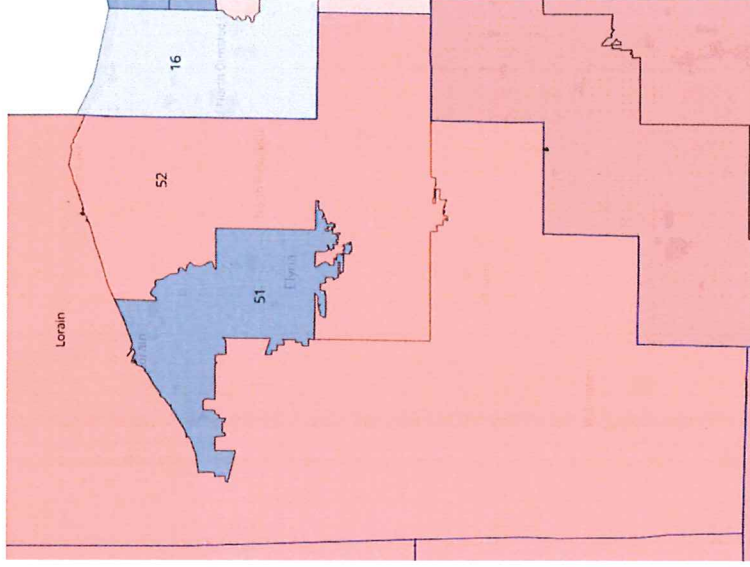
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Proposal



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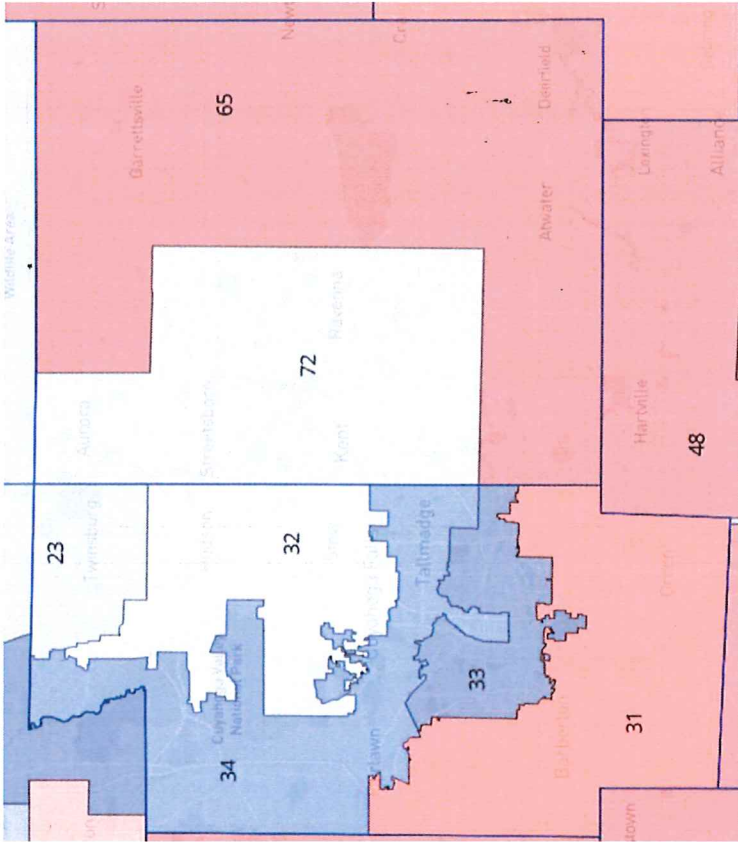
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1 Dem District

Summit and Portage County

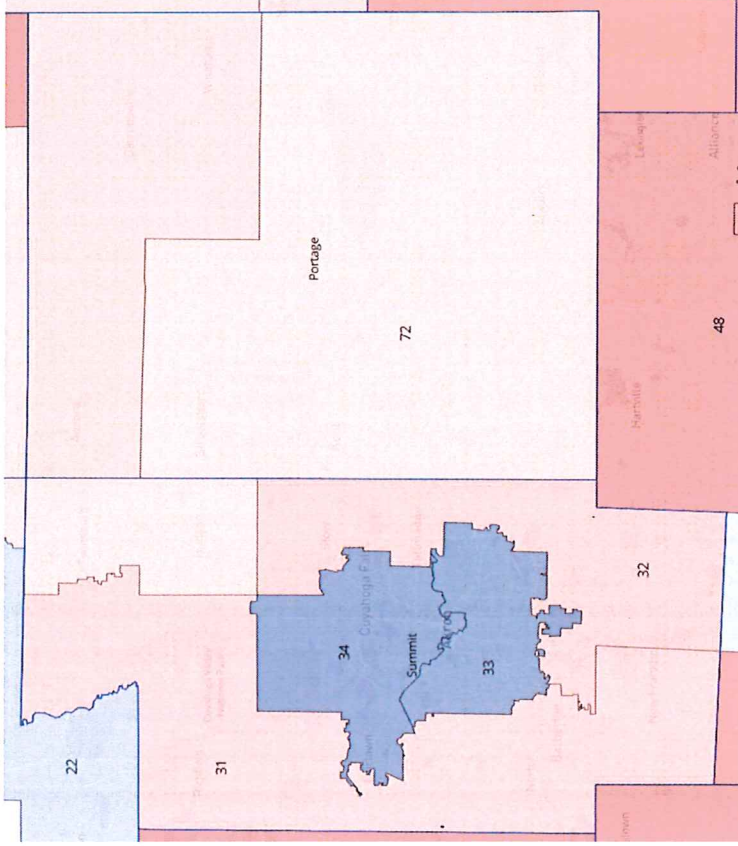
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4 Dem Districts

(blue part D23 in the North is shared with Cuyahoga County)

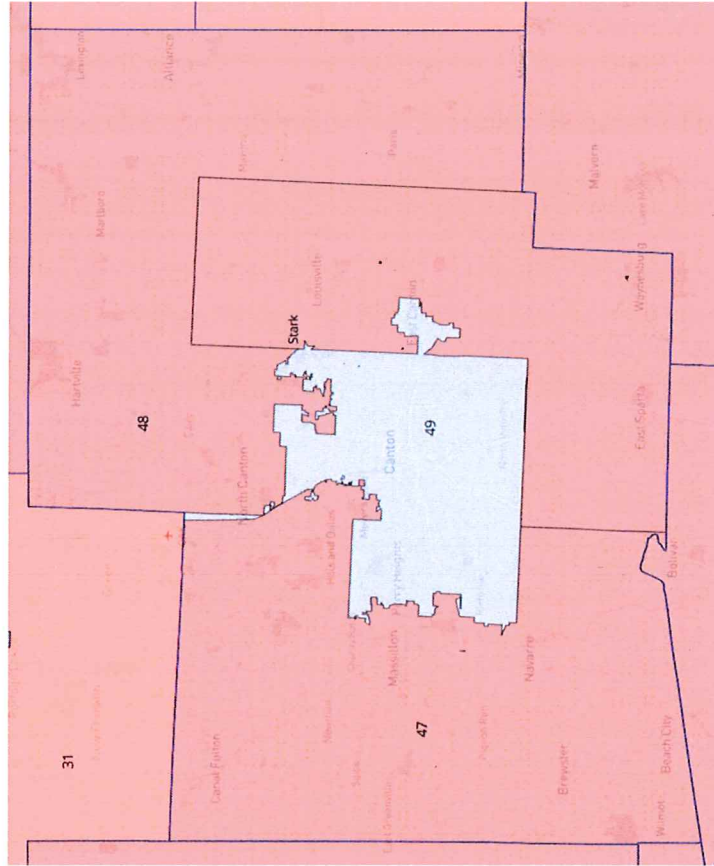
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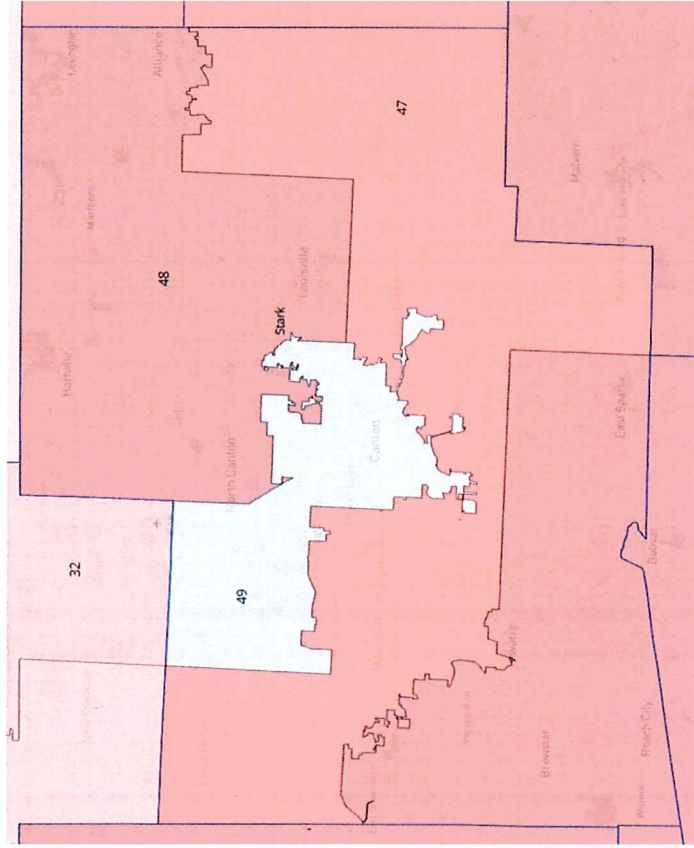
Stark County

Proposal



1 Dem District (D+6.6%)

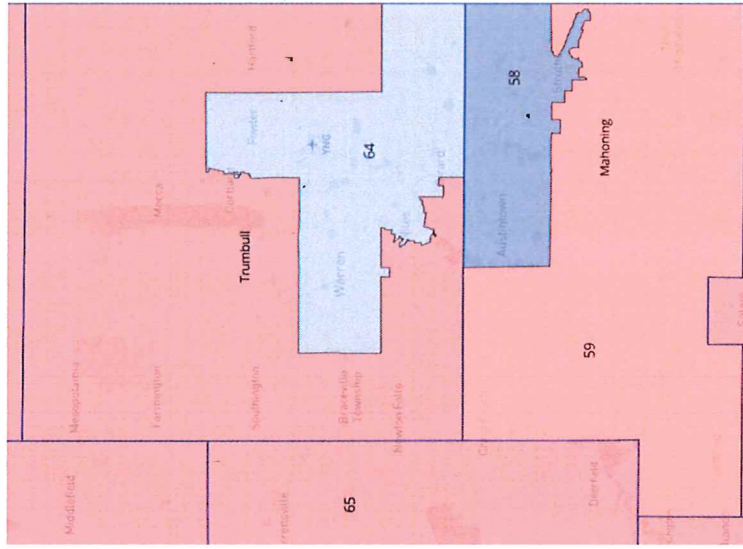
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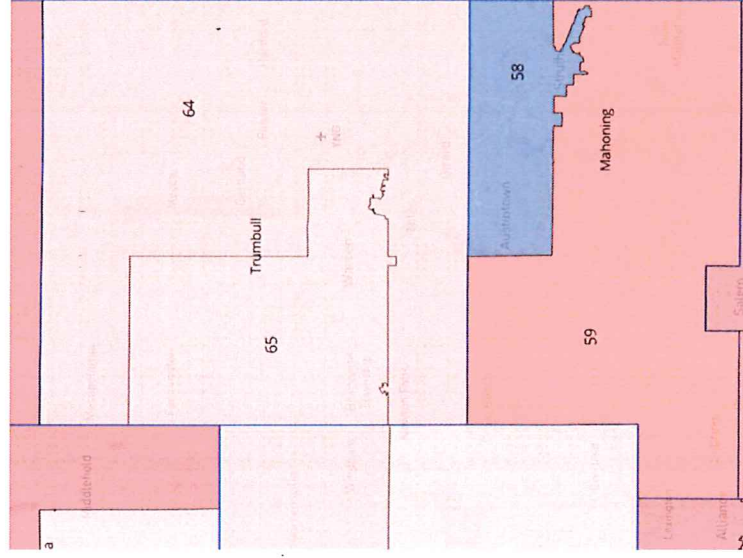
Trumbull and Mahoning County

Proposal



2 Dem Districts

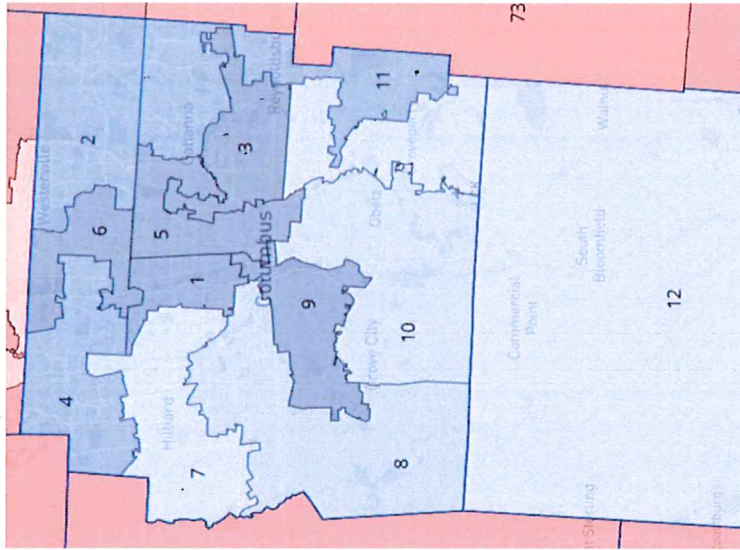
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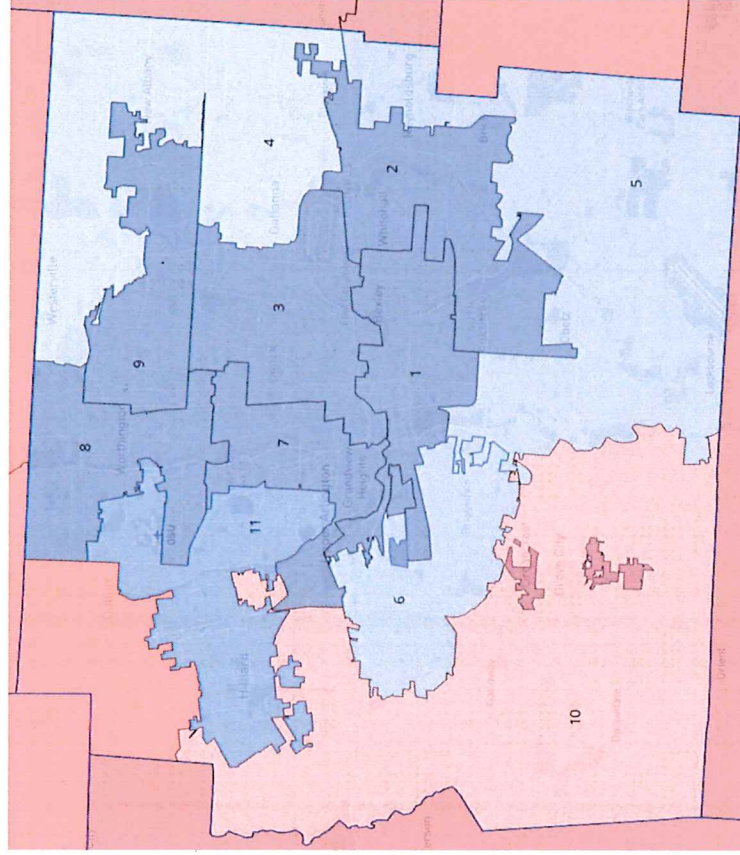
Franklin County

Proposal



12 Dem Districts (w/ Pickaway)

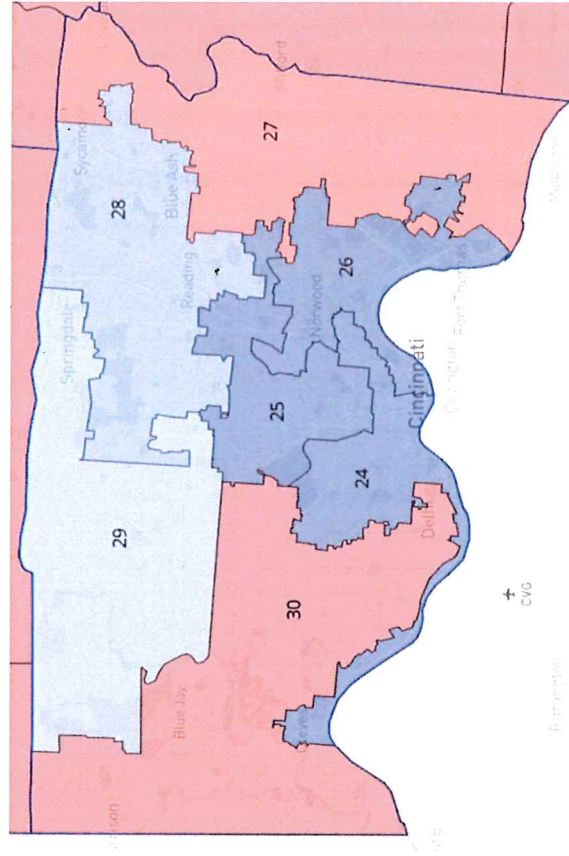
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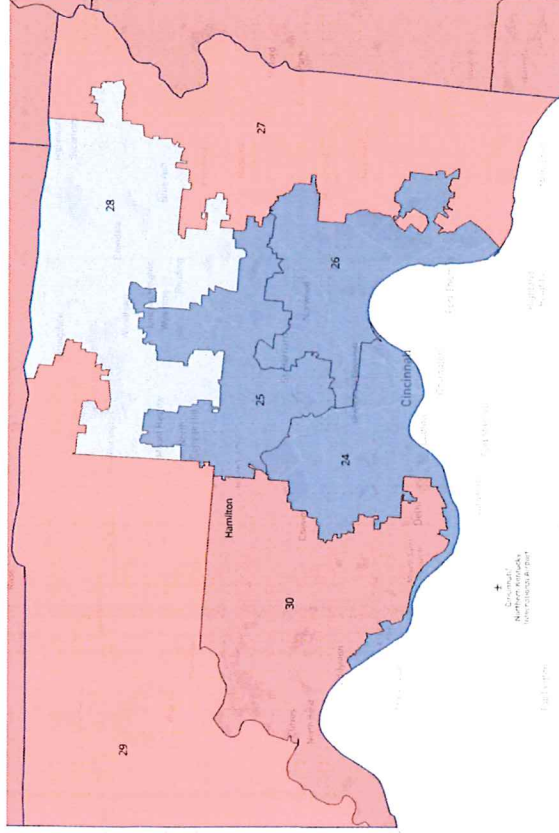
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Proposal



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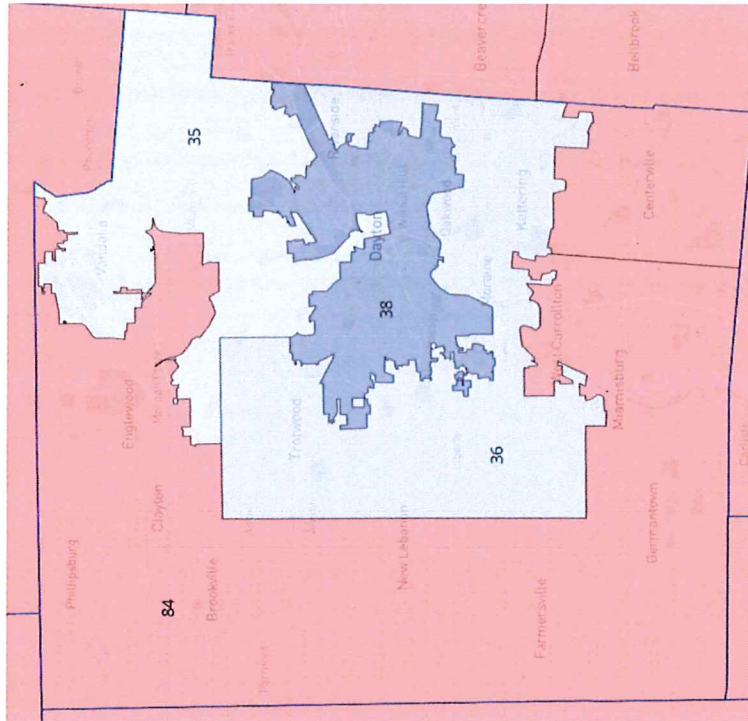
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4 Dem Districts

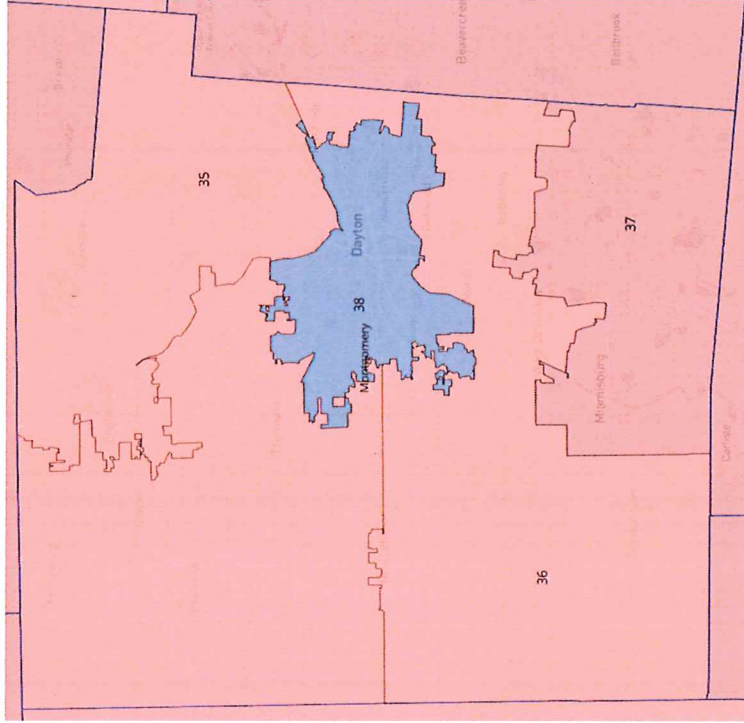
Montgomery County

Proposal



3 Dem Districts

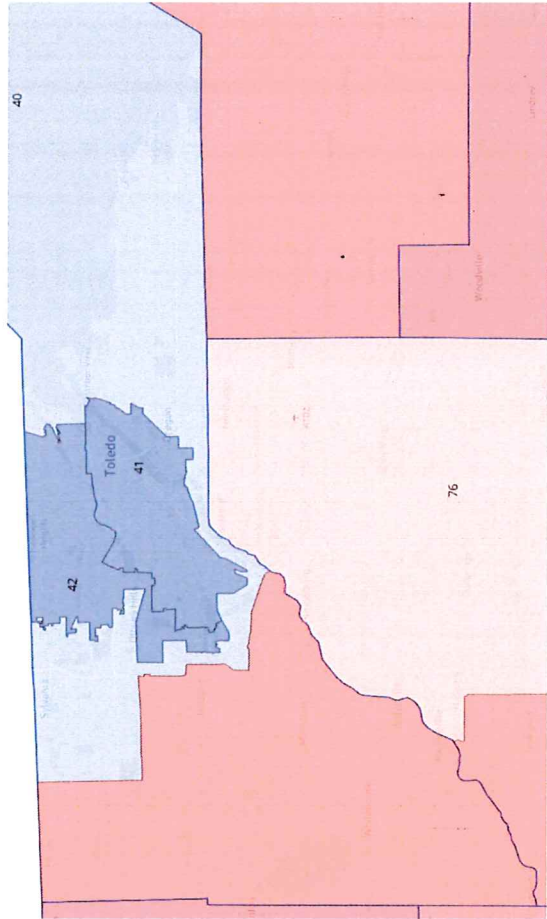
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1 Dem District

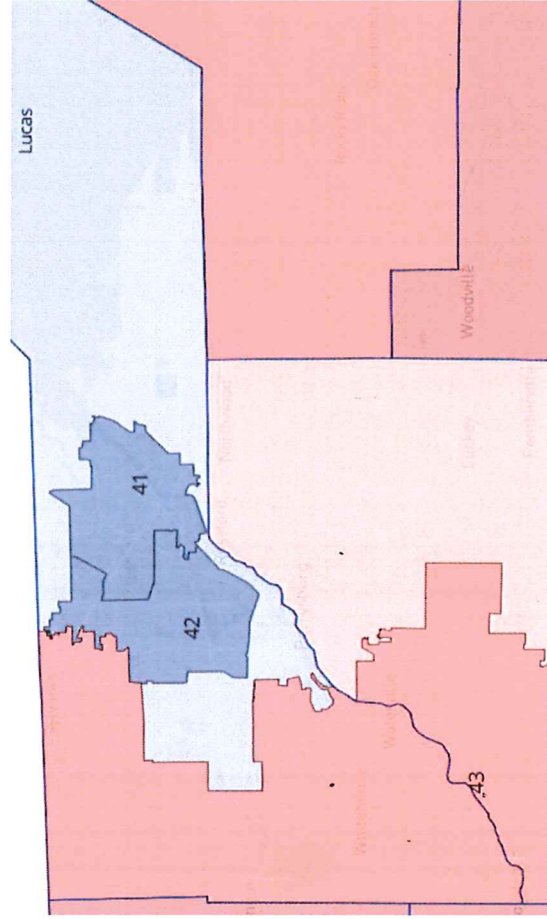
Lucas County

Proposal



3 Dem Districts

Commission



3 Dem Districts