Ohio’s Congressional Map-Drawing Process

**OPTION 1**
- **Drawn by:** September 1, 2021
- **Authority:** Ohio legislature
- **Required support:** 60% in each chamber, with 50% support of the minority party
- **Map duration:** 10 years
- **Public hearings required:** Two, with public submissions permitted

**OPTION 2**
- **Drawn by:** October 30, 2021
- **Authority:** Seven-member Redistricting Commission
- **Required support:** Four members, including both minority party members
- **Map duration:** 10 years
- **Public hearings required:** Two, with public submissions permitted

**OPTION 3**
- **Drawn by:** November 30, 2021
- **Authority:** Ohio legislature
- **Required support:** 60% in each chamber, with one-third support of the minority party
- **Map duration:** 10 years
- **Public hearings required:** Two, with public submissions permitted

**OPTION 4**
- **Drawn by:** November 30, 2021
- **Authority:** Ohio legislature
- **Required support:** A simple majority of each chamber
- **Map duration:** Four years
- **Public hearings required:** Two, with public submissions permitted
- **Special rules:** No undue partisan favor or community splitting and must attempt compactness

**Congressional map criteria**
- Contiguous
- Compact (for any maps except those adopted under Option 4)
- Rules about splitting counties:
  - 65 must be kept whole
  - 18 may be split once
  - Five may be split twice
  - If a district includes only parts of a county, it shall be contiguous within the county
  - No two districts can share portions of a county unless its population is > 400,000
  - Drawing authority should attempt to include at least one whole county in each district
    - This does not apply if a district is entirely within one county or cannot meet the criteria within federal law

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