

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE JULY 01, 2022



Ohio Fact of the Week

The heart of America
Columbus is within 500 miles of
48% of the nation's population.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

No Session
No Committees

Legislative Primaries: Candidates Navigate Uncharted Landscape One Month Out

The drawn-out mapmaking process that culminated in two-year legislative maps and an Aug. 2 primary has transformed more than just legislative districts themselves.

It has also brought uncertainty for candidates and political operatives seeking to gain ground in either chamber such by extending fundraising that in a normal cycle would already be focused on November.

With early voting set to begin in less than a week, one major unknown factor remains voter turnout, which officials offering the most generous estimate have predicted to be maybe 10%. Figures that low could see races hinge on a fraction of votes and render some otherwise safe districts competitive.

Only about 21 seats on the ballot between the two chambers are competitive; each of those favors Democrats by less than a 52% political index based on election results in recent years. But the turnout question looming, caucuses anticipate expending resources in races that under normal circumstances would be considered safe.

Entities Continue To Line Up For Sports Betting Licenses

More than 700 entities have now applied for a Type C sports gaming license.

Meanwhile, two Cleveland-area entities are thus far the only applicants for a Type A license, which covers full scale betting at brick-and mortar locations, according to information released weekly by the Casino Control Commission.

The Type C license covers certain liquor permit holders. The list of applicants is up to 707, the Lottery Commission Track reported. It includes bars, bowling alleys, pizzerias, restaurants, golf clubs and drive-thrus.

Breast Cancer Screening Act Aims To Improve Access

A governor-approved measure is expected to give women earlier life-saving information about dense breast tissue.

It also defines mammogram with the inclusion of tomosynthesis, a new technology that provides higher-quality images.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

(Road naming and license plate bills omitted from list)

HOUSE BILLS

No new introductions

SENATE BILLS

No new introductions