

**THIS WEEK**  
AT THE  
**STATEHOUSE**  
JULY 21, 2022



**Ohio Fact of the Week**

*The Cuyahoga River caught fire a total of 13 times before being remediated in the 1960s*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

No Session  
No Committees

**Supreme Court Invalidates Congressional Map For 2024**

Once again, Republican Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor joined the court's three Democrats in the majority, finding that mapmakers carved districts around the state's three largest cities to dilute Democratic votes.

"Comparative analyses and other metrics show that the March 2 plan allocates voters in ways that unnecessarily favor the Republican Party by packing Democratic voters into a few dense Democratic-leaning districts, thereby increasing the Republican vote share of the remaining districts," the majority wrote. "As a result, districts that would otherwise be strongly Democratic-leaning are now competitive or Republican-leaning districts."

**Ohio On Track For Sports Gaming Start, Commission Says**

The Casino Control Commission Track is on time or ahead of schedule on all aspects of launching sports gaming in Ohio on Jan. 1, Executive Director Matt Schuler said.

Three sets of rules already have been approved, with one through the Common Sense Initiative and before the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Mr. Schuler expects that batch to return to the commission by mid- to late-August.

The fifth and final set could be effective in September, he said.

**Sponsor Continues Push To Revamp PUCO Appointments, Repeal OVEC Recovery**

The measure requires one of the five commissioners to be selected from a list of nominees compiled by the Consumers' Counsel, thereby sidelining the current PUCO Nominating Council for that seat.

"It's been received pretty well," Rep. Lanese said, noting the bill's bipartisan roster of cosponsors. "I've gotten a lot of good feedback from it."

She said the recent forced outages in which AEP Ohio cut power to about 250,000 central Ohio customers has only further sparked interest in the issue

## **NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION**

(Road naming and license plate bills omitted from list)

### **HOUSE BILLS**

None this week

### **SENATE BILLS**

**SB 354 – Forclosures**– Regards who is eligible to bid in a foreclosure sale and to create the Ohio Housing Study Committee.