



OHIO POLICY OVERVIEW

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2022 OHIO ELECTIONS

May 3rd Primary

November 8th General Election

State

- Governor
- Auditor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer
- General Assembly
- Supreme Court

Federal

- U.S. Senate (Portman)
 - Congressional Districts
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REPUBLICANS DOMINATE OHIO

Senate

25 Republicans

8 Democrats

- Net +1 Republican

House

64 Republicans

35 Democrats

- Net +3 Republican

Republicans control all statewide offices and Supreme Court

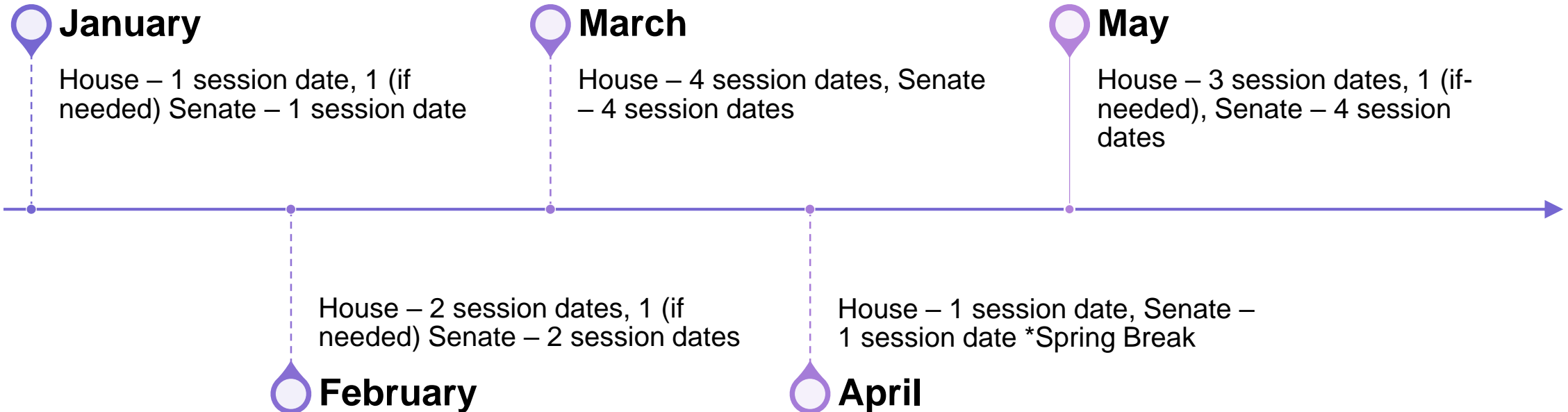
OHIO REDISTRICTING LEGISLATIVE MAPS

- On January 12, the Supreme Court of Ohio ruled 4-3, that Ohio's new legislative maps were unconstitutional – giving the Ohio Redistricting Commission ten days to adopt new district lines
 - On January 22, the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted new four-year legislative maps in a party line vote of 5-2, but parties challenging the maps submitted their objections Tuesday, asking the court to order the commission to again revise the maps and delay the upcoming legislative filing deadline
 - In response to the filing deadline uncertainty, lawmakers backed a plan from Secretary of State Frank LaRose to provide temporary authority for the secretary to adjust administrative deadlines between the filing date and Election Day
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- On February 7, the Ohio Supreme Court again by a 4-3 count rejected the four-year legislative maps, finding they unconstitutionally favor Republicans
 - The decision sends the Ohio Redistricting Commission back to the drawing board where they will have to craft new maps by February 17
 - This redo means lawmakers will return their focus to legislative maps while also working to meet a February 13 court-mandated deadline to craft new congressional districts
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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SPRING SESSION



OHIO TAX REVENUES- JANUARY 2022

- **State tax revenue continued to surge in January, standing at \$816 million, or 5.5% more than analysts had predicted**
- **While auto sales tax intake lagged a bit, non-auto sales tax and personal income tax more than made up the difference**
- **OBM reported that the \$1.153 billion in PIT collections topped estimates for the month by \$188 million, and non-auto taxes came in at \$1.046 billion, which was \$90 million more than anticipated**
- **The \$2.574 billion in total tax receipts for January bested estimates on which the current state budget is based by \$236 million**

2022
**LEGISLATIVE
ISSUES**

Capital Budget

ARPA Funding

Intel Project – Tax Bill

Property Values (Sub HB 126)

Critical Race Theory

SUB HB 126: PROPERTY VALUES

Sub. HB 126 – Property Values (Merrin)

- The bill has undergone substantial changes in the Senate chamber, restricting how school districts and other property taxing entities can challenge property valuations
 - New provisions would restrict local taxing districts from initiating complaints before boards of revision unless they own the property in question
 - Prohibits school districts from challenging the value of private properties or appealing a BOR's decision but allows them to respond to complaints lodged by other entities
 - Bars districts from entering into private pay agreements to settle counter complaints, but doesn't stop them from forging agreements on valuations
 - The Senate substitute bill passed out of the chamber in December and is awaiting concurrence from the House otherwise it will head to a conference committee
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT: OHIO

State
\$5.68B

Metro Cities
\$2.24B

Cities &
Villages
\$810M

Counties
\$2.27B

ARPA OHIO

- Ohio has \$600 million left in state fiscal recovery funds from the first round of the \$2.7 billion received from the federal government in 2021
- Ohio is expected to receive another \$2.7 billion in late spring or early summer 2022
- Ohio has until December 31, 2024 for funds to be obligated
- Unspent funds would be required to be returned to the U.S. Treasury Department

ADVOCACY GOALS 2022

Restore and/or increase the Public Library Fund (PLF)

Align government financial resources with library needs

Build awareness with the City's Administration and local elected officials on how tax abatements impact library funding

NEXT STEPS

- Legislative Outreach & Education
- ARPA Funding Opportunities
- PLF Pre-Budget Advocacy

