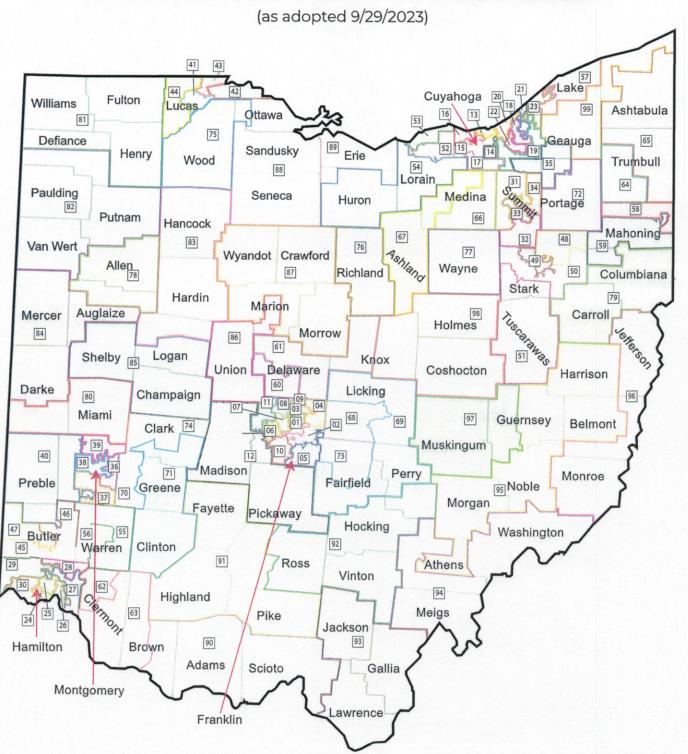


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The Ohio Supreme Court recently clarified the state's trespassing law.

In a unanimous decision, the justices ruled that a landlord or property manager cannot exclude a visitor to a rented property when the tenant invited that person.

"We hold that a landlord or landlord's agent, without first reserving the authority to do so in the lease agreement for the property, may not prohibit a person from entering onto the property such that a tenant of the property is prohibited from inviting that person onto the property," Justice Pat Fischer wrote for the court.

"We further hold that a landlord cedes possessory interests in the leased property to the tenant such that the tenant may invite onto the property a person whom the landlord has sought to ban from the premises, provided that no language to the contrary appears in the lease agreement and preserves the landlord's possessory interests."

The case made its way to the high court after the property manager of a Toledo apartment complex sought to ban Antonio Randolph from the property in 2020, the high court's media arm reported.

Later that year, the property manager responded to a noise complaint and found Randolph at his uncle's apartment, and he was charged with trespassing.

After he was convicted and sentenced to a 90-day suspended jail sentence, he appealed to the Sixth District, which sided with Randolph and created a conflict with the Second District.

The state appealed and the high court affirmed the Sixth District's decision.