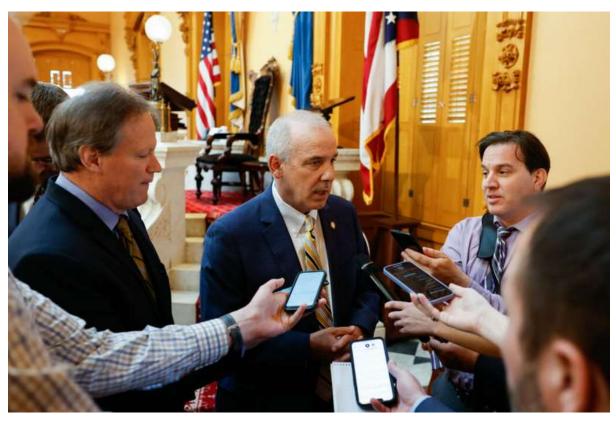
News From The States THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Gerrymandered Ohio Republican lawmakers are already scheming to attack voters over election results

David DeWitt | Ohio Capital Journal



Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman, R-Lima, speaks with reporters. (Photo by Graham Stokes for Ohio Capital Journal)

Ohio voters just took firm positions on abortion and reproductive rights and adult-use recreational marijuana Tuesday, but gerrymandered Ohio lawmakers are already planning to flout, ignore, challenge, and abuse the voters' wishes. This is what gerrymandering brings. This is why it's a fundamental poison in the lifeblood of our republic.

Mere hours after Ohio voters passed the Issue 1 reproductive rights amendment with 56.62%, according to unofficial results, and the Issue 2 recreational marijuana law with 57% (both getting nearly 2.2 million votes), Ohio Republican legislative leaders signaled they would not respect the will of the people.

"This isn't the end," Republican Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman said.

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