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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

BILL OF RIGHTS & VOTING COMMITTEE RICHARD SAPHIRE, CHAIR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Chairman Saphire called the meeting of the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee to order at 9:09am and asked the committee clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairman Saphire, Vice Chairman Justice French, Representative Amstutz, Representative Clyde, Douglas Cole, Edward Gilbert, Judge Fischer, Senator Peterson, and Senator Skindell. A quorum being present, the committee operated as a full committee.

Chairman Saphire asked the committee to review the minutes of the previous meeting. Rep. Amstutz motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Justice French seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Saphire introduced the first presenter, Professor Ned Foley. Prof. Foley explained why he believed fairness and impartiality were the most important rules for the voting rights provisions in the Ohio Constitution. Committee members asked questions and discussed various issues they thought might contribute to issues of fairness and impartiality with regard to voting rights in the Ohio Constitution.

Chairman Saphire introduced the committee's second speaker, Rep. Alicia Reece. Rep. Reece presented her ideas for a potential "Voter Bill of Rights" within the Ohio Constitution. Committee members asked questions and discussed the benefits of and issues that may arise from including a "Voter Bill of Rights" in the Ohio Constitution.

With no further business, the committee adjourned.

RICHARD SAPHIRE, CHAIR

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