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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Bill of Rights & Voting Committee
Richard Saphire, Chair
Thursday, March 13, 2014

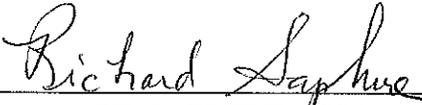
Chairman Saphire called the meeting of the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee to order at 3:05 PM and asked the committee clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairman Saphire, Karla Bell, Senator Peterson and Senator Skindell. A quorum was not present, and the committee operated as a sub-committee.

A discussion took place regarding procedure and protocol in addressing, disposing of and making recommendations on various relevant constitutional provisions. Issues related to public notice and posting on the Commission web site were also discussed.

Although no formal votes were taken or recommendations adopted, there was consensus on the following matters: Degrees of formality regarding public input would depend on amount of complexity and potential controversy of provisions discussed; Tier I (least controversial) being less formal with public input at meetings through Tier III (more controversial) being more formal. Public notice should be posted on the web site, denoting the constitutional provisions that will be taken up at an upcoming meeting with the respective title and description. Clear notice should be given on the web site for an upcoming meeting if there may be a potential vote for a recommendation on a provision.

Various methods of disposition of constitutional provisions that are obsolete, archaic or preempted by federal action (i.e., U.S. Supreme Court rulings) were also discussed. Chairman Saphire expressed the need for uniformity and consensus between the various subject matter committees in recommendations to the full commission. Senator Skindell suggested patterning the public notices after the committee notices given for Senate committee hearings (i.e., titles and descriptions of subject matter, indicating that potential action may be taken, etc.).

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:38 PM.



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