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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH & EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE**

**FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014**

Call to Order:

Chair Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 2:40 p.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with committee members Mills, Brooks, Coley, Davidson, Macon, Sykes, Taft, Tavares and Trafford in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The committee approved the minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting.

Topics Discussed:

Apportionment and Redistricting Proposal

Sarah Cherry, Legal Counsel, Minority Caucus, Ohio House of Representatives presented on the differences between SJR1 and Modified SJR1.

Arizona State Leg. v. Arizona Ind. Redistricting Comm., U.S. Sup. Ct. Docket No. 13-1314

Steve Steinglass spoke on the case of Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, Case No. CV-12-01211 (D. Ariz. Feb. 21, 2014). The case involves Proposition 106, an initiated amendment that took redistricting from the Arizona State Legislature and put it in the hands of a five-person commission. The plan applies only to congressional redistricting, not to state apportionment. In Arizona, the redistricting commission was created through the initiative process, which is different from what is being proposed in Ohio.

The issue is whether the enactment creating the Arizona Redistricting Commission violates the U.S. Constitution, specifically U.S. Const, Art. I § 4, the Elections Clause. The matter was decided by a three-judge panel of the Federal District Court in Arizona, and is now being directly appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which should issue a decision by June 2015.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Attachments:

- Notice
- Agenda
- Roll call sheet
- Proposed language in options under consideration
- Biographical sketch of Sarah Cherry
- Prepared remarks of Sarah Cherry
- Arizona State Leg. v. Arizona Ind. Redistricting Comm., U.S. Sup. Ct. Docket No. 13-1314

Approval:

The minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee were approved at the November 13, 2014 meeting of the committee.



Frederick E. Mills, Chair



Paula Brooks, Vice-Chair