



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND VOTING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Richard Saphire called the meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee to order at 9:09 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present, with Chair Saphire, Vice-chair French, and committee members Amstutz, Clyde, Cole, Fischer, Gilbert, Peterson, and Skindell in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting of the committee were approved.

Presentations and Discussion:

Chair Saphire introduced Professor Edward B. Foley of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, who presented on the voting rights provisions in the Ohio Constitution. 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 fairness and impartiality with regard to voting rights in the Ohio Constitution.

Chair Saphire introduced the committee's second speaker, Representative 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.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Approval:

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee were approved at the February 13, 2014 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Richard Saphire

Richard Saphire, Chair

/s/ Jeff Jacobson

Jeff Jacobson, Vice-chair