



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### REVISED MINUTES OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND VOTING COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

#### **Call to Order:**

Vice-chair Jeff Jacobson called the meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee to order at 12:35 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present, with Vice-chair Jacobson, and committee members Amstutz, Bell, Clyde, Cole, Fischer, Peterson, and Skindell in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

#### **Presentation and Discussion:**

Vice-chair Jacobson introduced the first presenter, John Dinan, professor of Political Science at Wake Forest University. Professor Dinan outlined and discussed various trends in reforms and revisions of states' bills of rights and constitutional voting rights provisions, including: 1) removal of outdated and archaic language; 2) recognition of rights having no counterpart at the federal constitutional level; 3) addition of rights that are more definitive and that clarify those created at the federal level (such as privacy); and 4) addition of more definitive and clearer rights that are responses to state court interpretations and rulings. Questions and discussions occurred during and after the presentation.

A discussion then occurred regarding the committee's "road map" and a February 5, 2014 memo from Chair Sapphire dealing with the committee's agenda. Specifically, the committee discussed the protocol for disposing of the various levels of topics, or tiers, the potential for notice and input of the public, and how to make recommendations.

**Adjournment:**

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

**Approval:**

The minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting of the Bill of Rights and Voting Committee were approved.

*/s/ Richard Saphire*  
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Richard Saphire, Chair

*/s/ Jeff Jacobson*  
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Jeff Jacobson, Vice-chair