



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

Call to Order:

Chair Fred Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 9:22 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present, with Chair Mills, Vice-chair Brooks, and committee members Davidson, Macon, Sykes, Talley, Taft, and Trafford in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Presentations and Discussion:

Chair Mills recognized John Green, professor of political science at the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, who presented on the subject of poll results.

Committee members asked Prof. Green various questions, including his recommendation for a redistricting plan that would be most acceptable to voters and his opinion on what he believes voters want in regard to term limits. Committee members also asked about the ability of a bipartisan redistricting panel to cooperate with the secretary of state, a partisan official member. Other members asked about lengthening term limits in other states and the challenges of passing a complicated issue that would require voter education. Committee members asked about Prof. Green's survey, wondering about the number of participants who were contacted via a landline versus a mobile phone and if those numbers affected the results or give insight into the demographics of participants. Chair Mills asked for clarification on the usage of "technical experts" in the survey and whether this was the first time that a survey on the lengthening of term limits was conducted.

Following Prof. Green's presentation, Governor Bob Taft asked the committee whether an issue on the ballot such as extending term limits by two years would be in sync with the existing term limit language in the Ohio Constitution or whether the passage of such a measure would create a conflict.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the June 12, 2014, meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee were approved at the July 10, 2014 meeting of the committee.

/s/ Frederick E. Mills

Frederick E. Mills, Chair

/s/ Paula Brooks

Paula Brooks, Vice-chair