



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Fred Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present:

A quorum was present with Chair Mills, Vice-chair Brooks, and committee members Davidson, Coley, Stautberg, Sykes, Tavares, and Trafford in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Presentations and Discussion:

Chair Mills introduced Ann Henkener, director and legislative director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, who presented regarding redistricting in Ohio and the effects of gerrymandering. Ms. Henkener argued for a set of standards that would result in competitive districts and fair representation.

Chair Mills also recognized Richard Gunther, professor emeritus of political science at the Ohio State University, who presented regarding gerrymandering and the benefits of competitive districts.

Both presenters agreed that Ohio's districts should be representative of its population, stating that because of gerrymandering, districts in Ohio were not being fairly represented.

Representative Vernon Sykes offered an outline of his redistricting plan, which included a competition decided by a mathematical process. He said this competition would be open to the public. Rep. Sykes closed by saying that any plan should be chosen by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Approval:

The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee were approved.

/s/ Frederick E. Mills
Frederick E. Mills, Chair

/s/ Paula Brooks
Paula Brooks, Vice-chair