



OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

REVISED MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Call to Order:

Chair Fred Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order.

Members Present:

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

The previous minutes were approved.

Presentations and Discussion:

As reported by Chair Mills, the committee heard a presentation from Thomas L. Brunell, professor of political science at the University of Texas at Dallas, who has written a number of books and articles on the subject of redistricting. Prof. Brunell stated he does not believe in a competitive district formula, but rather posits that districts that are packed with similar-minded voters are preferable to 50/50 districts. Chair Mills reported a lively discussion occurred between committee members and Prof. Brunell relative to the various criteria necessary for the redistricting and reapportionment process.

Chair Mills reported the committee intends to continue its discussion of consensus points for the purpose of drafting a redistricting reform proposal at its December meeting, indicating the committee may devote additional meetings to this subject in the next calendar year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Approval:

The minutes of the November 14, 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