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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS & UPDATING COMMITTEE  
DENNIS MULVIHILL, CHAIR  
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

Chair Mulvihill called the meeting of the Constitutional Revisions and Updating Committee to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without objection.

Ms. Peg Rosenfield was present and gave interested party testimony and submitted written testimony to the committee covering signature requirements for initiated statutes, the supplemental petition process for initiated statutes, and a proposal for an indirect and direct process for initiated statutes in Ohio. Ms. Rosenfield addressed questions from the committee members on these topics.

Professor Steven Steinglass from Cleveland State University was present and provided testimony on the initiated statute process in Ohio and how proposed revisions by the committee compared to procedures in other states. Prof. Steinglass recommended the committee look at the timing of statutory initiatives in Ohio and the feasibility of completing the requirements in a single year.

A discussion was held regarding the Legislative Service Commission resolution draft to reduce the geographic requirement for initiated statutes from 44 to 22 counties and to create a 5 year time period in which initiated statutes would require a two-third vote by the legislature to modify. Adding an additional requirement that legislative changes must "further the purpose" of initiated statutes was discussed.

The committee agreed that they would submit a comprehensive package of recommendations to the full Constitutional Modernization Commission rather than sending individual recommendations without objection.

A discussion was held regarding requirements for initiated constitutional amendments. Requiring an initiated constitutional amendment to pass in two subsequent elections, requiring a super majority vote for passage, increasing the signature requirement from 44 to 66 counties, and creating a mechanism for the General Assembly to put competing amendment language on the ballot were discussed.

A discussion was held regarding the importance of reaching a resolution on reapportionment reform prior to sending a comprehensive package of recommendations to the full Constitutional Modernization Commission.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



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Dennis Mulvihill, Chair



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