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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative William G. Batchelder
Representative Vernon Sykes
Co-Chairs Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

FROM: Frederick E. Mills
Chair, Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee

DATE: July 24, 2013

RE: Committee Report

The Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee has met on two occasions since the creation of the Committee. The first meeting held on June 13, 2013 consisted of discussion among the members as to their priorities for review and suggestions for witnesses to appear to address those issues. The following list is the consensus of the Committee as to the importance of the issues to be addressed with the most important listed first:

Apportionment/Redistricting

Legislative Term Limits

Single Subject Rule

Separation of Powers (Does Concept Need to be Specifically Mentioned in Constitution?)

Open Meetings

“Dead Wood” – Outdated or Unneeded Language

In addition, the members discussed potential resources for testimony including Ohio Higher Education Institutions, National Conference of State Legislatures, Statewide

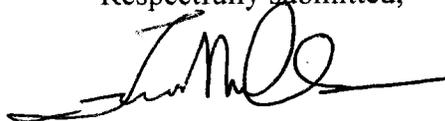
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Officeholders, State Bar Association, League of Women Voters, Election Officials Association, Party Chairs, Legislative Caucuses and potential "Gold Standard" Resources.

As a result of the June 13 meeting, Professors Paul Beck, David Stebenne and Edward Foley, all of the Ohio State University were asked to make presentations.

On July 10, 2013 the Professors appeared in a panel discussion and provided historical references and their own unique perspectives on the difficulties with reapportionment and redistricting in the United States in general and Ohio in particular. The meeting lasted for over three hours and was viewed by all members of the Committee as very helpful and a good start to the discussion of the reapportionment/redistricting issue. It should be noted that members of the Committee were very active in their give-and-take exchange with the panel and the Chair believes we have made a good start with discussions of this very important, but difficult question.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Mills", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frederick E. Mills