



**OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH & EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE**

**FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014**

Chairman Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 9:22 a.m. A quorum was not present and the committee proceeded as a subcommittee.

Chairman Mills called forward John Green, on behalf of the Bliss Institute, to provide testimony on the subject of poll results.

With a quorum now present, the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed individually and approved without objection.

Questions were asked by:

Rep. Sykes: regarding Mr. Green's recommendation for a redistricting plan that would be most acceptable to voters and Mr. Green's opinion on what he believes voters want in regards to term limits.

Speaker Davidson: regarding the ability of a bipartisan panel to cooperate with the Secretary of State, a partisan member, also the practicality and details surrounding the creation of such a panel.

Chairman Mills: regarding lengthening of term limits in other states and the complications in passing an issue that requires much education for the voter (i.e. would it be complicated for a voter if an issue such as term limits were on the ballot).

Dr. Macon: regarding additional questions that had arisen for Mr. Green following the conclusion of the results and any surprises that came out of the survey.

Speaker Davidson: regarding the number of survey participants that were contacted via a landline versus a mobile phone and if those numbers affected the results or give insight into the demographics of participants.

Chairman Mills: regarding 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.

Dr. Macon: regarding the differences in demographics of the survey participants and whether a pattern may exist.

Following Mr. Green's presentation, Governor Taft raised a question to the committee as to 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 would the passage of this issue create a conflict in the language.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
FREDERIC MILLS, CHAIR

  
PAULA BROOKS, VICE CHAIR