



## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### REVISED MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Fred Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 12:36 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was present, with Chair Mills, Vice-chair Brooks, and committee members Davidson, Macon, Huffman, Coley, Talley, Taft, and Trafford in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

#### **Presentations and Discussion:**

Chair Mills recognized John Green, professor of political science at the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, who presented on the subject of term limits.

Committee members asked Prof. Green a variety of questions relating to the history and purpose of term limits, including whether Ohio's term limit provision is similar to provisions in other states in relation to the number of years needed for a legislator to sit out until being able to return to the same chamber, the differences between executive branch term limits and legislative branch term limits, when an expansion of term limits should take effect, and public opinion on the issue. Committee members also wondered about the effect of redistricting on term limits, and on competition within districts, and whether there is link between redistricting and lengthening term limits. Other questions related to the impact of term limits on campaign financing, and on whether expansion of term limits would affect the diversity of the legislature's composition. In addition, committee members also asked Prof. Green's opinion on which state offices would be benefited from an expansion of term limits, and which might benefit from a restriction.

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

**Approval:**

The minutes of the April 10, 2014, meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee were approved at the June 12, 2014 meeting of the committee.

*/s/ Frederick E. Mills*

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Frederick E. Mills, Chair

*/s/ Paula Brooks*

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Paula Brooks, Vice-chair