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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Bill of Rights & Voting Committee
Richard Saphire, Chair
Thursday, February 13, 2014

Chairman Saphire was absent, and Vice Chair Jacobson called the meeting of the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee to order at 12:35 PM and asked the committee clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Vice Chairman Jacobson, Representative Amstutz, Karla Bell, Representative Clyde, Douglas Cole, Judge Fischer Senator Peterson and Senator Skindell. A quorum being present, the committee operated as a full committee.

Vice Chairman Jacobson introduced the first presenter, Dr. John Dinan, Professor of Political Science at Wake Forest University. Dr. Dinan outlined and discussed various trends in reforms and revisions of states' Bills of Rights and constitutional Voting Rights provisions: 1) removal of outdated and archaic language, 2) recognition of rights with no counterpart at the federal constitutional level, 3) addition of rights more definitive and that clarify those created at the federal level (e.g., privacy) and 4) addition of more definitive and clearer rights that are responses to state court interpretations and rulings. Questions and discussions occurred throughout the presentation and after it.

Vice Chairman Jacobson asked the committee to review the minutes of the previous meeting. Senator Skindell motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and Senator Peterson seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

A discussion then occurred regarding the Bill of Rights & Voting Committee Roadmap and the February 5, 2014 memo from Chairman Saphire dealing with the committee agenda. Specifically, a discussion occurred regarding protocol of the disposition of various levels of topics (Tiers), notice and input of the public and how to make recommendations.

With no further business, the committee adjourned.



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