

BEFORE THE STATE OF OHIO BALLOT BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Examination of a Proposed :
Constitutional Amendment :
Regarding Ohio Supreme :
Court Term Limits and the :
Preclusion of Special :
Legal Status for Members :
and Employees of the Ohio :
General Assembly to :
Determine Whether It :
Contains Only One Law. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before the Secretary of State Jon Husted, Chair;
Mr. William N. Morgan; Senator Bill Coley, Senator
Michael J. Skindell; and Representative Kathleen
Clyde, Ohio Ballot Board, at the Ohio Statehouse,
1 Capitol Square, Finan Finance Hearing Room,
Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00 a.m. on Monday,
November 14, 2016.

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1 Monday Morning Session,
2 November 14, 2016.

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4 SECRETARY HUSTED: I would like to call
5 to order the meeting of the Ballot Board.

6 Good morning. I am Jon Husted. I am the
7 Ohio Secretary of State and Chairperson of the Ballot
8 Board. I would like to, first of all, introduce
9 Carrie Kuruc, Senior Elections Counsel, who will
10 serve as the Secretary for the Ballot Board today.

11 These proceedings will be transcribed by
12 a court reporter from Armstrong & Okey, and the Ohio
13 Channel is streaming this meeting live on their
14 website where it will be archived.

15 At this point in time if I could ask the
16 Secretary to please call the roll.

17 MS. KURUC: Secretary Husted.

18 SECRETARY HUSTED: Here.

19 MS. KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

20 MR. MORGAN: Here.

21 MS. KURUC: Senator Coley.

22 SENATOR COLEY: Yes.

23 MS. KURUC: Representative Clyde.

24 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Here.

25 MS. KURUC: Senator Skindell.

1 SENATOR SKINDELL: Here.

2 SECRETARY HUSTED: Let the record reflect
3 that we have a quorum present.

4 The Ballot Board's purpose today is to
5 examine a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment
6 to determine whether each contains only one proposed
7 constitutional amendment.

8 If the Ballot Board determines that the
9 proposal contains more than one proposed amendment,
10 it must divide the proposal into two separate
11 amendments and then certify them back to the Attorney
12 General. The petitioners would then need to submit
13 to the Attorney General summaries of each separate
14 ballot initiative proposal.

15 Should the Attorney General find those
16 newly submitted summaries to be fair and truthful,
17 the petitioners will need to collect signatures for
18 each petition individually in an amount equal to 10
19 percent of the total vote cast for Governor in 2014.

20 The text and summary of the proposed
21 amendment were provided to the Ballot Board members
22 in advance of the meeting but there are also copies
23 in each Board member's packet and folders.
24 Each cop -- and there is also copies available at the
25 front.

1 Today's proposed amendment concerns the
2 Ohio Supreme Court term limits and the preclusion of
3 special legal status for members and employees of the
4 Ohio General Assembly.

5 At this point in time is there anyone who
6 wishes to address the Ballot Board as to whether or
7 not the proposal is a single issue? And if so, if
8 you so do, please identify yourself and the
9 organization you represent.

10 Okay. I don't see anybody here to
11 represent the issue. I remind you that there --
12 well, I guess at this point since nobody is here to
13 comment on it, is there any discussion from the
14 Board?

15 Senator Coley.

16 SENATOR COLEY: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
17 I -- looking at -- looking at this proposed
18 amendment, it deals with two distinct provisions in
19 the Ohio Constitution. It seems to be two very
20 different requests in -- in the proposed amendment,
21 and I believe that it should be properly split into
22 two separate proposals.

23 SECRETARY HUSTED: Senator Skindell.

24 SENATOR SKINDELL: Thank you. I would
25 just like to say I would concur with Senator Coley's

1 analysis.

2 SECRETARY HUSTED: Any other discussion?

3 Okay. I guess I would only add that here
4 we are once again with a constitutional amendment, a
5 constitutional amendment, and the petitioners are not
6 even here to advocate for it.

7 So do I have a motion?

8 Senator Coley.

9 SENATOR COLEY: Mr. Secretary, I move
10 that we separate the proposed amendment into two
11 distinct issues.

12 SECRETARY HUSTED: Okay. Do I have a
13 second?

14 SENATOR SKINDELL: I would second that.

15 SECRETARY HUSTED: Senator Skindell
16 seconds.

17 Any discussion?

18 Hearing nothing, would you please call
19 the role.

20 MS. KURUC: Secretary Husted.

21 SECRETARY HUSTED: Yes.

22 MS. KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

23 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

24 MS. KURUC: Senator Coley.

25 SENATOR COLEY: Yes.

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MS. KURUC: Representative Clyde.

REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Yes.

MS. KURUC: Senator Skindell.

SENATOR SKINDELL: Yes.

SECRETARY HUSTED: Okay. We have a unanimous vote, so the motion carries.

Is there any other issue to be brought before the Ballot Board today?

Hearing none, we stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, November 14, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered Merit Reporter.

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