OHIO SENATE
Committee on State Government Oversight and Reform Minutes
November 20, 2013
130th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on State Government Oversight and Reform was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:21 a.m. in the Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken with a quorum present. The Committee proceeded to its first order of business.

The Chair called up SB 216 (Seitz) for its 4th hearing. No testimony was provided.

The following amendments were offered:

Senator Skindell moved Amendment 1193 (Poll worker obligation to complete provisional ballot form). Senator Brown seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Skindell moved Amendment 1194 (Count wrong-precinct/wrong-location provisional ballots if caused by poll worker error). Senator Brown seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Skindell moved Amendment 1195 (Provisional ballot counted if the information provided is sufficient to determine the voter’s eligibility; remove address and date of birth requirements). Senator Brown seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Smith moved Amendment 1191 (List of provisional voters). Senator Brown seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Smith moved Amendment 1190 (Provisional voters who have neither ID nor SSN). Senator Skindell seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Smith moved Amendment 1189 (Requests to receive absent voter’s ballots for all future elections). Senator Skindell seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Smith moved Amendment 1192 (Immaterial errors or omissions on elections documents). Senator Brown seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Brown moved Amendment 1196 (Online voter registration and absent voter’s ballot requests). Senator Smith seconded the motion. The motion was tabled by a vote of 8-3.

Senator Seitz moved that Sub S.B. 216 be favorably reported to the Senate. Senator Uecker seconded the motion. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 8-3.

The Chair called up SB 238 (LaRose) for its 2nd hearing. The following testimony was provided;
Ellis Jacobs, Miami Valley Voter Protection Coalition-Opponent (Written Testimony)

Questions were asked by Senator LaRose and Coley.

The minutes of the November 19, 2013 committee meeting were approved.

Brian Rothenberg, ProgressOhio-Opponent (Written Testimony)

Questions were asked by Senators Seitz and Coley.

The Chairman called for a recess which reconvened at 10:38 am.

Carrie Davis, League of Women Voter’s Ohio-Interested Party (Written Testimony)

Andre Washington, A. Phillip Randolph Institute-Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Adele Eisner, Citizens Alliance for Secure Elections-Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Estelle Rogers, Esq., Project Vote-Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Brian Davis, Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless-Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Susan Doup, Citizen of Ohio-Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Greg Moore, NAACP Nation Voter Fund and Ohio Voter Fund (Written Testimony Only)

The following amendments were offered:

Senator LaRose moved Amendment 1109 (Make absent voter’s ballots available on the first day after the close of voter registration). Senator Coley seconded the motion. The motion was agreed to by vote of 11-0.

Senator LaRose moved that S.B. 238 be favorably reported to the Senate. Senator Uecker seconded the motion. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 8-3.

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Burke adjourned the committee at approximately 10:58 a.m.

Dave Burke, Chair