

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 2317, delete "various"

2 Delete lines 2318 through 2321 and insert "communities with  
3 persons who self-identify as possessing eastern European  
4 ancestry, shall be appointed proportionally relative to the  
5 population of eastern European people in the state, and shall be  
6 all of the following:

7 (a) A person who meets the definition of eastern European  
8 people or a person who is allied with those people;"

9 In line 2322, delete "United States"; after "citizen"  
10 insert ", or a lawful and permanent resident, of the United  
11 States"

12 After line 2354, insert:

13 "(F) Members appointed to the commission shall affirm the  
14 territorial sovereignty and integrity of Ukraine, relative to  
15 its territorial holdings before Russia's annexation of Crimea in  
16 2014 and subsequent invasion in 2022, as well as the territorial  
17 sovereignty and integrity of other countries in the region and  
18 generally."

19 Delete lines 2391 through 2393

20 In line 2394, delete "(2) Identify" and insert "self-  
21 identify"; delete "or are regarded in the community as being of"

22 Delete lines 2395 through 2400 and insert "possessing  
23 ancestry relative to any of the following:

24 Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and  
25 Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia,  
26 Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland,  
27 Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia,  
28 Slovenia, and Ukraine."

29 The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

30 SYNOPSIS

31 **Commission on Eastern European Affairs**

32 **R.C. 107.22 and 107.23**

33 Requires that eligibility to serve as a member of the  
34 Commission on Eastern European Affairs be limited to persons who  
35 (1) self-identify as possessing Eastern European ancestry or  
36 allied to such a community, (2) are citizens or lawful and  
37 permanent residents of the U.S., and (3) are lawful and  
38 permanent residents of Ohio. Previously, to be eligible to serve  
39 as a member of the Commission, a person only needed to fulfill  
40 one of these three criteria.

41 Alters the definition of "Eastern European people" to  
42 include only countries, rather than countries and ethnic groups.

43 Requires that members of the Commission affirm Ukraine's  
44 territorial sovereignty and integrity, as well as that of other  
45 countries.