

Written Testimony of John Stover
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Government Oversight Committee
Senate Bill 92; House Bill 144
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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, and members of the Committee: my name is John Stover and I am the President of Ohio Value Voters. Our organization promotes the values of Faith, Life, Families, and Religious Freedom. Since 2007, our purpose has been to educate, inform, and influence voters and elected officials in Ohio. We are independent of any political party, religious organization, or political action committee. Ohio Value Voters is a registered 501(c)(4) organization.

Our organization is in support of Senate Bill 92 and House Bill 144 and urges the committee to pass these bills for a vote by the full House.

Amending Ohio's Constitution should not be subject to special interest groups that have deep pockets and the ability to finance a campaign whereby only a 50% threshold is a requirement. In 2009, millions of dollars were spent by the gambling industry to amend the state's Constitution for casino gambling. This passed with 53% of the vote.

Now, we have another special interest group that will funnel monies into Ohio from the entire nation; that organization is Planned Parenthood and its affiliates.

Our founding fathers provided a means to amend the United States Constitution found within Article Five. It was determined that amending may be a requirement for our country after the acceptance of the Constitution. But it would require a super majority of votes within the United States House and Senate or ratification by the states. [Constitutional Amendment Process | National Archives](#)

A 60% threshold to amending Ohio's Constitution should be a requirement for the State of Ohio. The people of the state should have the right to vote upon this 60% threshold in August.

Therefore, Ohio Value Voters urges the Government Oversight Committee to pass these bills out of committee for a floor vote by the Ohio House.

Thank you.

John Stover, President
Ohio Value Voters