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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY  
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Brian Hanson of the Capitol Ministries in Columbus, Ohio, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following guests of the House of Representatives were recognized prior to the commencement of business:

Scioto County Executive Board Chairman Rodney Barnett and Scioto County Vice President Kevin Craft, guests of Representative Stephens- 93rd district.

University of Akron guests Victoria Furin, Jillian Brewster, Director of Regional Campuses Dr. Heather Howley, Special Assistant to the President for Government Relations Dr. Matthew Akers, guests of Representative Roemer- 31st district.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women of the Central Ohio chapter and of the Greater Cleveland Chapter, guests of Representative Humphrey- 2nd district.

Retired U.S. Navy Captain Sam Harris and Dr. Colleen Walsh-Conklin, guests of Representative Willis- 74th district.

Superintendent Jesse Steiner, a guest of Representative Willis- 74th district.

Judge Carol Ann Robb, a guest of Representative Robb Blasdel- 79th district.

Residents and dedicated voters from Westerville, New Albany and Gahanna, guests of Representative Lightbody- 4th district.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The question being, "Shall the journal of the previous day be approved?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 90, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abdullahi	Abrams	Baker	Barhorst
Bird	Blackshear	Brennan	Brent
Brewer	Brown	Callender	Carruthers
Claggett	Click	Creech	Cross
Cutrona	Dean	Dell'Aquila	Demetriou
Denson	Dobos	Edwards	Forhan
Fowler Arthur	Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim
Hall	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops
Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	King	King

Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Manning	Mathews	McClain	McNally
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.
Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Peterson	Plummer	Ray
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Rogers	Russo	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Skindell	Somani	Stein
Stewart	Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Sweeney
Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	White	Wiggam	Young, B.
Young, T.			Stephens-90

Representatives Ferguson, Gross, Lear, Merrin, Powell, Williams, and Willis voted in the negative-7.

The journal was approved.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced:

**H. B. No. 171** - Representative Lightbody.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abdullahi, Blackshear, Brewer, Brown, Forhan, Galonski, Grim, Isaacsohn, McNally, Mohamed, Somani, Thomas, C., Weinstein.

To amend section 3301.079 of the Revised Code to include instruction on the migration, experiences, and contributions of a range of communities in the social studies model curriculum.

Said bill was considered the first time.

### REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES AND BILLS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

Representative Grim submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation to which was referred **H. B. No. 107**-Representative Patton, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

RE: DESIGNATE CLEVELAND FIREFIGHTER JOHNNY TETRICK  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Representative McClain moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the name: "McClain"

RIORDAN T. MCCLAIN  
JUANITA O. BRENT

MICHELE GRIM  
SARA P. CARRUTHERS

ROY KLOPFENSTEIN  
ELGIN ROGERS, JR.

KEVIN D. MILLER

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Grim submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation to which was referred **H. B. No. 128**-Representative Cutrona, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

RE: DESIGNATE OFFICER T.J. D'APOLITO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Representative McClain moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "McClain, Miller, K."

RIORDAN T. MCCLAIN  
JUANITA O. BRENT  
ROY KLOPFENSTEIN  
ELGIN ROGERS, JR.

MICHELE GRIM  
SARA P. CARRUTHERS  
KEVIN D. MILLER

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Brennan submitted the following report:

The standing committee on State and Local Government to which was referred **H. C. R. No. 5**-Representatives Miller, J., Holmes, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

RE: SUPPORT OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

Representative Brennan moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "John, Creech"

MARILYN S. JOHN  
RODNEY CREECH  
JENNIFER GROSS  
LATYNA M. HUMPHREY  
ROY KLOPFENSTEIN  
CECIL THOMAS  
DANIEL P. TROY

SEAN P. BRENNAN  
ELLIOT FORHAN  
THOMAS HALL  
ANGELA N. KING  
REGGIE STOLTZFUS  
JIM THOMAS

The following member voted "NO"

BILL DEAN

The report was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Robinson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Primary and Secondary Education to which was referred **H. B. No. 117**-Representatives Manning, Robinson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

RE: ELIMINATE RETENTION UNDER THE THIRD GRADE  
READING GUARANTEE

Representative Bird moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Fowler Arthur, Click, Lightbody"

ADAM C. BIRD	SARAH FOWLER ARTHUR
PHILLIP M. ROBINSON, JR.	SEAN P. BRENNAN
GARY CLICK	DON JONES
BETH LEAR	MARY LIGHTBODY
P. SCOTT LIPPS	GAYLE MANNING
JOSEPH A. MILLER, III	JESSICA E. MIRANDA
ANDREA WHITE	JOSH WILLIAMS

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Thomas, C. submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Homeland Security to which was referred **Am. H. B. No. 29**-Representatives Humphrey, Brewer, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

RE: REGARDS DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS-FAILURE TO  
PAY CHILD SUPPORT

Representative Thomas, C. moved to amend as follows:

In line 100, after "shall" insert "include in the order any conditions the person shall comply with in order to retain the privileges and"

The motion was agreed to and the bill so amended.

HARAZ N. GHANBARI	CECIL THOMAS
CINDY ABRAMS	WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR.
RODNEY CREECH	THOMAS HALL

ADAM C. MILLER

KEVIN D. MILLER

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Miller, J. submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Higher Education to which was referred **H. B. No. 6**-Representative Powell, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

RE: ENACT THE SAVE WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT

Representative Young, T. moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Bird, Dean, Williams"

TOM YOUNG

ADAM C. BIRD

BILL DEAN

DEREK MERRIN

GAIL K. PAVLIGA

NICK SANTUCCI

JOSH WILLIAMS

BERNARD WILLIS

The following members voted "NO"

JOSEPH A. MILLER, III

MUNIRA ABDULLAHI

MARY LIGHTBODY

GAYLE MANNING

PHILLIP M. ROBINSON, JR.

CASEY WEINSTEIN

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Hoops moved that majority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, May 10, 2023, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the majority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative Miranda moved that minority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, May 10, 2023, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the minority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

### BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

**H. R. No. 126**-Speaker Stephens.

Relative to the election of Justin Pizzulli to fill the vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives created by the resignation of

Brian Baldridge of the 90th House District.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution provides for the filling of a vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives by election by the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the same political party as the person last elected to the seat which has become vacant; and

WHEREAS, Brian Baldridge of the 90th House District, has resigned as a member of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly effective January 31, 2023, thus creating a vacancy in the House of Representatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the Republican party that Justin Pizzulli, Republican, having the qualifications set forth in the Ohio Constitution and the laws of Ohio to be a member of the House of Representatives from the 90th House District, is hereby elected, effective May 10, 2023, pursuant to Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution, as a member of the House of Representatives from the 90th House District, to fill the vacancy created by the unexpired portion of the term of said Brian Baldridge ending on December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives together with the yeas and nays of the members of the House of Representatives affiliated with the Republican party voting on the resolution, and that the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall certify the resolution and vote on its adoption to the Secretary of State.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 35, nays 30, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Callender	Carruthers	Cross
Cutrona	Dobos	Edwards	Ghanbari
Hillyer	Hoops	Jones	Lampton
LaRe	Loychik	Manning	Mathews
Miller, K.	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Peterson	Ray	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Schmidt	Seitz	Stein	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Thomas, J.	White	Williams
Young, B.	Young, T.		Stephens-35

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Barhorst	Bird	Claggett	Click
Creech	Dean	Demetriou	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Gross	Hall	Holmes
John	Johnson	Kick	King

Klopfenstein	Lear	Lipps	Manchester
McClain	Merrin	Miller, M.	Plummer
Powell	Roemer	Santucci	Stewart
Wiggam			Willis-30

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Pizzulli was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Oelslager, Seitz, Cross, Hoops, Ray, and Swearingen, took the oath of office administered by Speaker Stephens, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

State of Ohio

County of Franklin

I, Justin Pizzulli, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ Justin Pizzulli  
Justin Pizzulli

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May, 2023.

/s/ JASON STEPHENS  
Jason Stephens  
Speaker  
House District 93

**H.R. No. 130-Speaker Stephens.**

Relative to the election of Brian Lorenz to fill the vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives created by the death of Kris Jordan of the 60th House District.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution provides for the filling of a vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives by election by the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the same political party as the person last elected to the seat which has become vacant; and

WHEREAS, Kris Jordan of the 60th House District, elected as a member of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, died February 25, 2023, thus creating a vacancy in the House of Representatives; therefore be it



RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the Republican party that Brian Lorenz, Republican, having the qualifications set forth in the Ohio Constitution and the laws of Ohio to be a member of the House of Representatives from the 60th House District, is hereby elected, effective May 10, 2023, pursuant to Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution, as a member of the House of Representatives from the 60th House District, to fill the vacancy created by the unexpired portion of the term of said Kris Jordan ending on December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives together with the yeas and nays of the members of the House of Representatives affiliated with the Republican party voting on the resolution, and that the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall certify the resolution and vote on its adoption to the Secretary of State.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 66, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Barhorst	Bird	Callender
Carruthers	Claggett	Click	Creech
Cross	Cutrona	Dean	Demetriou
Dobos	Edwards	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Ghanbari	Gross	Hall	Hillyer
Holmes	Hoops	John	Johnson
Jones	Kick	King	Klopfenstein
Lampton	LaRe	Lear	Lipps
Loychik	Manchester	Manning	Mathews
McClain	Merrin	Miller, K.	Miller, M.
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Peterson
Pizzulli	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Roemer	Santucci
Schmidt	Seitz	Stein	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Thomas, J.	White
Wiggam	Williams	Willis	Young, B.
Young, T.			Stephens-66

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lorenz was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Oelslager, Seitz, Cross, Hoops, Ray, and Lear, took the oath of office administered by Speaker Stephens, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

State of Ohio

County of Franklin

I, Brian Lorenz, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the

United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ Brian Lorenz  
Brian Lorenz

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May, 2023.

/s/ JASON STEPHENS  
Jason Stephens  
Speaker  
House District 93

**Am. Sub. S. J. R. No. 2**-Senators McColley, Gavarone.

Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Brenner, Cirino, Lang, O'Brien, Reineke, Roegner, Schaffer, Wilkin, Wilson, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Johnson, Reynolds, Romanchuk Representatives Plummer, Ferguson, Merrin, Stewart.

Proposing to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and to modify the procedures for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the next general or special election scheduled to occur not earlier than ninety days after this resolution is submitted to the Secretary of State, a proposal to amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE II

**Section 1b.** When at any time, not less than ten days prior to the commencement of any session of the general assembly, there shall have been filed with the secretary of state a petition signed by three per centum of the electors and verified as herein provided, proposing a law, the full text of which shall have been set forth in such petition, the secretary of state shall transmit the same to the general assembly as soon as it convenes. If said proposed law shall be passed by the general assembly, either as petitioned for or in an amended form, it shall be subject to the referendum. If it shall not be passed, or if it shall be passed in an amended form, or if no action shall be taken thereon within four months from the time it is received by the general

assembly, it shall be submitted by the secretary of state to the electors for their approval or rejection, if such submission shall be demanded by supplementary petition verified as herein provided and signed by not less than three per centum of the electors in addition to those signing the original petition, which supplementary petition must be signed and filed with the secretary of state within ninety days after the proposed law shall have been rejected by the general assembly or after the expiration of such term of four months, if no action has been taken thereon, or after the law as passed by the general assembly shall have been filed by the governor in the office of the secretary of state. The proposed law shall be submitted at the next regular or general election occurring subsequent to one hundred twenty-five days after the supplementary petition is filed in the form demanded by such supplementary petition, which form shall be either as first petitioned for or with any amendment or amendments which may have been incorporated therein by either branch or by both branches, of the general assembly. If a proposed law so submitted is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall be the law and shall go into effect as herein provided in lieu of any amended form of said law which may have been passed by the general assembly, and such amended law passed by the general assembly shall not go into effect until and unless the law proposed by supplementary petition shall have been rejected by the electors. All such initiative petitions, last above described, shall have printed across the top thereof, in case of proposed laws: "Law Proposed by Initiative Petition First to be Submitted to the General Assembly." Ballots shall be so printed as to permit an affirmative or negative vote upon each measure submitted to the electors. ~~Any-~~

~~Any proposed law or amendment to the constitution~~ submitted to the electors as provided in 1a and 1b, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, shall take effect thirty days after the election at which it was approved and shall be published by the secretary of state. If Any proposed amendment to the constitution submitted to the electors as provided in sections 1a and 1b of this article, if approved by at least sixty per cent of the electors voting thereon, shall take effect thirty days after the election at which it was approved and shall be published by the secretary of state.

~~If~~ conflicting proposed laws or conflicting proposed amendments to the constitution shall be approved at the same election by ~~a majority of the total the required~~ number of votes ~~cast for and against the same~~, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall be the law, or in the case of amendments to the constitution shall be the amendment to the constitution. ~~No-~~

No law proposed by initiative petition and approved by the electors shall be subject to the veto of the governor.

**Section 1e.** (A) The powers defined herein as the "initiative" and "referendum" shall not be used to pass a law authorizing any classification of property for the purpose of levying different rates of taxation thereon or of

authorizing the levy of any single tax on land or land values or land sites at a higher rate or by a different rule than is or may be applied to improvements thereon or to personal property.

(B)(1) Restraint of trade or commerce being injurious to this state and its citizens, the power of the initiative shall not be used to pass an amendment to this constitution that would grant or create a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel, specify or determine a tax rate, or confer a commercial interest, commercial right, or commercial license to any person, nonpublic entity, or group of persons or nonpublic entities, or any combination thereof, however organized, that is not then available to other similarly situated persons or nonpublic entities.

(2) If a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition is certified to appear on the ballot and, in the opinion of the Ohio ballot board, the amendment would conflict with division (B)(1) of this section, the board shall prescribe two separate questions to appear on the ballot, as follows:

(a) The first question shall be as follows:

"Shall the petitioner, in violation of division (B)(1) of Section 1e of Article II of the Ohio Constitution, be authorized to initiate a constitutional amendment that grants or creates a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel, specifies or determines a tax rate, or confers a commercial interest, commercial right, or commercial license that is not available to other similarly situated persons?"

(b) The second question shall describe the proposed constitutional amendment.

(c) If both questions are approved or affirmed by ~~a majority at least sixty per cent~~ of the electors voting on them, then the constitutional amendment shall take effect. If only one question is approved or affirmed by ~~a majority at least sixty per cent~~ of the electors voting on it, then the constitutional amendment shall not take effect.

(3) If, at the general election held on November 3, 2015, the electors approve a proposed constitutional amendment that conflicts with division (B)(1) of this section with regard to the creation of a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance, then notwithstanding any severability provision to the contrary, that entire proposed constitutional amendment shall not take effect. If, at any subsequent election, the electors approve a proposed constitutional amendment that was proposed by an initiative petition, that conflicts with division (B)(1) of this section, and that was not subject to the procedure described in division (B)(2) of this section, then notwithstanding any severability provision to the contrary, that entire proposed constitutional amendment shall not take effect.

(C) The supreme court of Ohio shall have original, exclusive jurisdiction in any action that relates to this section.

**Section 1g. (A)** Any initiative, supplementary, or referendum petition

may be presented in separate parts but each part shall contain a full and correct copy of the title, and text of the law, section or item thereof sought to be referred, or the proposed law or proposed amendment to the constitution. Each signer of any initiative, supplementary, or referendum petition must be an elector of the state and shall place on such petition after his name the date of signing and his place of residence. A signer residing outside of a municipality shall state the county and the rural route number, post office address, or township of his residence. A resident of a municipality shall state the street and number, if any, of his residence and the name of the municipality or post office address. The names of all signers to such petitions shall be written in ink, each signer for himself. To each part of such petition shall be attached the statement of the circulator, as may be required by law, that he witnessed the affixing of every signature. The secretary of state shall determine the sufficiency of the signatures not later than one hundred five days before the election.

(B) The Ohio supreme court shall have original, exclusive jurisdiction over all challenges made to petitions and signatures upon such petitions under this section. Any challenge to a petition or signature on a petition shall be filed not later than ninety-five days before the day of the election. The court shall hear and rule on any challenges made to petitions and signatures not later than eighty-five days before the election. If no ruling determining the petition or signatures to be insufficient is issued at least eighty-five days before the election, the petition and signatures upon such petitions shall be presumed to be in all respects sufficient.

(C) If the petitions or signatures are a referendum petition or an initiative petition proposing a law is determined to be insufficient, ten additional days shall be allowed for the filing of additional signatures to such petition. No additional signatures may be filed to an initiative petition proposing an amendment to the constitution. If additional signatures are filed, the secretary of state shall determine the sufficiency of those additional signatures not later than sixty-five days before the election. Any challenge to the additional signatures shall be filed not later than fifty-five days before the day of the election. The court shall hear and rule on any challenges made to the additional signatures not later than forty-five days before the election. If no ruling determining the additional signatures to be insufficient is issued at least forty-five days before the election, the petition and signatures shall be presumed to be in all respects sufficient.

(D) No law or amendment to the constitution submitted to the electors by initiative and supplementary petition and receiving an the required number of affirmative majority of the votes cast thereon, shall be held unconstitutional or void on account of the insufficiency of the petitions by which such submission of the same was procured; nor shall the rejection of any law submitted by referendum petition be held invalid for such insufficiency. Upon

(E) Upon all initiative, supplementary, and referendum petitions provided for in any of the sections of this article, it shall be necessary to file from each of one-half of the counties of the state, petitions bearing the signatures of not less than one-half of the designated percentage of the electors of such county, except that upon an initiative petition proposing an amendment to the constitution, it shall be necessary to file from each county of the state petitions bearing the signatures of not less than five per cent of the electors of the county. A-

(F) A true copy of all laws or proposed laws or proposed amendments to the constitution, together with an argument or explanation, or both, for, and also an argument or explanation, or both, against the same, shall be prepared. The person or persons who prepare the argument or explanation, or both, against any law, section, or item, submitted to the electors by referendum petition, may be named in such petition and the persons who prepare the argument or explanation, or both, for any proposed law or proposed amendment to the constitution may be named in the petition proposing the same. The person or persons who prepare the argument or explanation, or both, for the law, section, or item, submitted to the electors by referendum petition, or against any proposed law submitted by supplementary petition, shall be named by the general assembly, if in session, and if not in session then by the governor. The law, or proposed law, or proposed amendment to the constitution, together with the arguments and explanations, not exceeding a total of three hundred words for each, and also the arguments and explanations, not exceeding a total of three hundred words against each, shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state, where a newspaper is published. ~~The-~~

(G) The secretary of state shall cause to be placed upon the ballots, the ballot language for any such law, or proposed law, or proposed amendment to the constitution, to be submitted. The ballot language shall be prescribed by the Ohio ballot board in the same manner, and subject to the same terms and conditions, as apply to issues submitted by the general assembly pursuant to Section 1 of Article XVI of this constitution. The ballot language shall be so prescribed and the secretary of state shall cause the ballots so to be printed as to permit an affirmative or negative vote upon each law, section of law, or item in a law appropriating money, or proposed law, or proposed amendment to the constitution. ~~The-~~

(H) The style of all laws submitted by initiative and supplementary petition shall be: "Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio," and of all constitutional amendments: "Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio." ~~The-~~

(I) The basis upon which the required number of petitioners in any case shall be determined shall be the total number of votes cast for the office of governor at the last preceding election therefor. ~~The-~~

(J) The foregoing provisions of this section shall be self-executing, except as herein otherwise provided. Laws may be passed to facilitate their operation, but in no way limiting or restricting either such provisions or the powers herein reserved.

(K) The requirements of divisions (C) and (E) of this section, as amended by this amendment, apply to initiative petitions proposing constitutional amendments that are filed with the secretary of state on or after January 1, 2024.

#### ARTICLE XVI

**Section 1.** Either branch of the general assembly may propose amendments to this constitution; and, if the same shall be agreed to by three-fifths of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the journals, with the yeas and nays, and shall be filed with the secretary of state at least ninety days before the date of the election at which they are to be submitted to the electors, for their approval or rejection. They shall be submitted on a separate ballot without party designation of any kind, at either a special or a general election as the general assembly may prescribe.

The ballot language for such proposed amendments shall be prescribed by a majority of the Ohio ballot board, consisting of the secretary of state and four other members, who shall be designated in a manner prescribed by law and not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The ballot language shall properly identify the substance of the proposal to be voted upon. The ballot need not contain the full text nor a condensed text of the proposal. The board shall also prepare an explanation of the proposal, which may include its purpose and effects, and shall certify the ballot language and the explanation to the secretary of state not later than seventy-five days before the election. The ballot language and the explanation shall be available for public inspection in the office of the secretary of state.

The supreme court shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases challenging the adoption or submission of a proposed constitutional amendment to the electors. No such case challenging the ballot language, the explanation, or the actions or procedures of the general assembly in adopting and submitting a constitutional amendment shall be filed later than sixty-four days before the election. The ballot language shall not be held invalid unless it is such as to mislead, deceive, or defraud the voters.

Unless the general assembly otherwise provides by law for the preparation of arguments for and, if any, against a proposed amendment, the board may prepare such arguments.

Such proposed amendments, the ballot language, the explanations, and the arguments, if any, shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding such election, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county of the state, where a newspaper is

published. The general assembly shall provide by law for other dissemination of information in order to inform the electors concerning proposed amendments. An election on a proposed constitutional amendment submitted by the general assembly shall not be enjoined nor invalidated because the explanation, arguments, or other information is faulty in any way. If ~~the~~ majority at least sixty per cent of the electors voting on the same shall adopt such amendments the same shall become a part of the constitution. When more than one amendment shall be submitted at the same time, they shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment, separately.

**Section 3.** At the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and in each twentieth year thereafter, the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise, alter, or amend the constitution", shall be submitted to the electors of the state; and in case a majority of the electors, voting for and against the calling of a convention, shall decide in favor of a convention, the general assembly, at its next session, shall provide, by law, for the election of delegates, and the assembling of such convention, as is provided in the preceding section; but no amendment of this constitution, agreed upon by any convention assembled in pursuance of this article, shall take effect, until the same shall have been submitted to the electors of the state, and adopted by ~~a majority at least sixty per cent~~ of those voting thereon.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio amended by this proposal shall take effect immediately and the existing versions of Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and the existing versions of Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall be repealed effective immediately.

The question being, "Shall the joint resolution be adopted?"

Representative Stewart moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Barhorst, Bird, Carruthers, Claggett, Click, Creech, Cross, Cutrona, Dean, Demetriou, Dobos, Gross, Hall, Hoops, John, Johnson, Kick, King, Klopfenstein, Lear, Manchester, Mathews, McClain, Miller, K., Miller, M., Peterson, Pizzulli, Richardson, Santucci, Schmidt, Stein, Stoltzfus, Swearingen, Thomas, J., Wiggam, Williams, Willis."

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

The title as amended was agreed to.

Representative Hoops moved to amend, amendment 0892, as follows:

In line 10, delete "there shall be submitted" and insert "a special



election is hereby called to be held on August 8, 2023, such election being prescribed pursuant to the authority provided by Section 1 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and which election shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable laws, for the purpose of submitting"

In line 11, delete ", in the manner prescribed by law at the next"

Delete lines 12 and 13

In line 14, delete "of State,"

The question being, "Shall the motion to amend be agreed to?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 57, nays 42, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Barhorst	Bird	Carruthers
Claggett	Click	Creech	Cutrona
Dean	Demetriou	Dobos	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Ghanbari	Gross	Hall
Hoops	John	Johnson	Jones
Kick	King	Klopfenstein	Lampton
Lear	Lipps	Lorenz	Manchester
Mathews	McClain	Merrin	Miller, K.
Miller, M.	Oelslager	Pavliga	Peterson
Pizzulli	Plummer	Powell	Richardson
Robb Blasdel	Roemer	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Stein	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Thomas, J.	White	Wiggam
Williams	Willis	Young, B.	Young, T.
			Stephens-57

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Abdullahi	Baker	Blackshear	Brennan
Brent	Brewer	Brown	Callender
Cross	Dell'Aquila	Denson	Edwards
Forhan	Galonski	Grim	Hillyer
Holmes	Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells
LaRe	Lightbody	Liston	Loychik
Manning	McNally	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	Mohamed	Patton	Ray
Robinson	Rogers	Russo	Skindell
Somani	Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Troy
Upchurch			Weinstein-42

The motion was agreed to and the joint resolution so amended.

The question recurring, "Shall the joint resolution as amended be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 62, nays 37, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Barhorst	Bird	Carruthers
Claggett	Click	Creech	Cross
Cutrona	Dean	Demetriou	Dobos
Ferguson	Fowler Arthur	Ghanbari	Gross
Hall	Holmes	Hoops	John

Johnson	Jones	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	Lear	Lipps
Lorenz	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
Mathews	McClain	Merrin	Miller, K.
Miller, M.	Oelslager	Pavliga	Peterson
Pizzulli	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Roemer	Santucci
Schmidt	Seitz	Stein	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Thomas, J.	White
Wiggam	Williams	Willis	Young, B.
Young, T.			Stephens-62

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Abdullahi	Baker	Blackshear	Brennan
Brent	Brewer	Brown	Callender
Dell'Aquila	Denson	Edwards	Forhan
Galonski	Grim	Hillyer	Humphrey
Isaacsohn	Jarrells	LaRe	Lightbody
Liston	McNally	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	Mohamed	Patton	Robinson
Rogers	Russo	Skindell	Somani
Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Troy	Upchurch
			Weinstein-37

The joint resolution was adopted.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, on May 10, 2023, signed the following:

**Am. Sub. S. J. R. No. 2**-Senators McColley, Gavarone - et al.

On motion of Representative Oelslager, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,  
Clerk.