

MINUTES JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE Monday, October 21, 2024 1:00 PM Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Kim Hammer, Co-Chair; Jonathan Dismang, and Terry Rice; Representatives David Ray, Vice-Chair; Mary Bentley, Rebecca Burkes, Cindy Crawford, Les D. Eaves, Tony Furman, Robin Lundstrum, Marcus E. Richmond, Jamie Scott, Tara Shephard, Joy Springer, Carlton Wing, and Jim Wooten

Other members present: Senators Alan Clark, Mark Johnson, Bryan King, Fredrick Love, and Gary Stubblefield; Representatives Fred Allen, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Stan Berry, Keith Brooks, Matt Brown, Cameron Cooper, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth Ferguson, Lanny Fite, Jack Fortner, Grant Hodges, Steve Hollowell, Rick McClure, Milton Nicks, Jr., Aaron Pilkington, Dwight Tosh, DeAnn Vaught, Jeff Wardlaw, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the October 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Rep. Eaves made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rep. Burkes, and the motion carried.

Continuation of Discussion of Petition to Include Paper Ballots in Elections at the County Level [Exhibits C1-C6]

David Williams, Notary Public; Crystal L. Hatfield, Notary Public; Lorri Justice, Citizen; Stephanie Johnson, Justice of the Peace – Elect, Saline County, District 12; Cameron Wiley, Manager, Home2 Suites Hotel, Conway; and Clint Lancaster, Attorney, The Lancaster Law Firm; provided testimony regarding their involvement in the signature collection process on petitions within Saline and Faulkner Counties to include paper ballots in elections held in Arkansas.

Michael Harry, Director of Legal and Managing Attorney, Legal Division, Arkansas Secretary of State; Graham Sloan, Director, Arkansas Ethics Commission; and Michael Gableman, Attorney; provided additional insight on the current laws and statutes regarding the collection of signatures on petitions within the State of Arkansas.

Rep. Lundstrum made a motion that the discussion of petitions to include paper ballots in Arkansas elections at the county level be referred to the Johnson, Saline, and White County Prosecuting Attorney Offices, the Office of the Attorney General – Election Integrity Unit, and the Arkansas Ethics Commission, seconded by Rep. Burkes, and the motion carried.

Adoption of Act 276 of 2021 Report Submissions Final Report to be Submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council [Exhibit D]

Rep. Bentley made a motion to adopt the Act 276 of 2021 Report Submissions Final Report to be submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council, seconded by Rep. Lundstrum, and the motion carried.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.