

Michael Narducci

From: Michael Narducci
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 3:44 PM
To: 'Thomas O'Brien'
Subject: RE: Handbook revision - Question 3

Thanks Tom.

From: Thomas O'Brien [mailto:tob@obrienlawri.com]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Michael Narducci
Cc: LUrban@rilin.state.ri.us; Mark Welch; John Fleming
Subject: Re: Handbook revision - Question 3

Mike -
We reviewed the amended language and it is agreeable to this office.
Thanks
TOB

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2014, at 1:50 PM, "Michael Narducci" <mnarducci@sos.ri.gov> wrote:

Tom,
Attached is the amended language. Please let me know asap if this is a go.

From: Thomas O'Brien [mailto:tob@obrienlawri.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 10:15 PM
To: Michael Narducci
Cc: LUrban@rilin.state.ri.us
Subject: Handbook revision - Question 3

Mike,
I believe we've reached a consensus on our end. So that -from the revised language that you sent regarding Question 3 in the Voter Handbook:

After the third full paragraph which ends with "news media" – should come the following:

If a majority of the State's electors vote to hold a Constitutional Convention, then it will be the responsibility of the 2015 General Assembly to enact legislation determining the method of election of delegates, setting forth an election schedule, and appropriating funds. The number of delegates shall be equal to the number of members of the House of Representatives and shall be apportioned in the same manner as the members of the House of Representatives. The parameters of a Constitutional Convention would be decided by the General Assembly and the elected delegates to the Convention. The last Constitutional Convention was held in 1986.

The actual cost to the taxpayers of conducting a Convention in 2016 is unknown. However, the bi-partisan preparatory commission for the proposed Constitutional Convention that met in July and August 2014, reported that the projected cost to the taxpayers of holding a Constitutional Convention in 2016 would be approximately Two and One-half Million Dollars, (\$2.5M), after adjusting 1986 costs for inflation and in anticipation of numerous factors that could increase the cost of a convention to include the total number and location of convention meetings, the expense of hired experts, as well as the cost of a staff necessary to assist delegates in carrying out their duties.

The next paragraph should then begin with "A copy of the complete report . . ."

So that in end – the Revised language on Question 3 from SOS should remain except that the previous 3rd full paragraph should be put **after** the paragraph above, which contains the language regarding cost. Otherwise – the revised language by SOS was fine.

Any questions please let us know.
TO'B

From: Lynne Urbani [<mailto:LURbani@rilin.state.ri.us>]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 2:20 PM
To: Thomas O'Brien
Subject: Fwd: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Richard Sahagian" <rsahagian@rilin.state.ri.us>
Date: September 12, 2014 at 1:24:22 PM EDT
To: "Thomas H. OBrien" <tobrien@rilin.state.ri.us>, "Lynne Urbani" <LURbani@rilin.state.ri.us>
Subject: Fwd: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

Please see the attached comment, which I agree with.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marie Ganim" <mganim@rilin.state.ri.us>
Date: September 12, 2014 at 12:54:04 PM EDT
To: "Richard Sahagian" <rsahagian@rilin.state.ri.us>
Subject: RE: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

Or you could put it in your own words if you agree. She may take it more seriously from you.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Richard Sahagian
Sent: 9/12/2014 12:30 PM
To: Marie Ganim
Subject: Re: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

Marie, is it ok to forward your comment to lyne?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2014, at 12:08 PM, "Marie Ganim"
<mganim@rilin.state.ri.us> wrote:

Richard;

I think it is fine, but I wonder if the paragraph in the handbook that begins with "A copy of the complete report..." should follow this language in the email, not precede it. In that way, the new paragraph that is more informative regarding delegate apportionment and the \$ estimate could appear on page one of the description of this question. The link to the report is really secondary information and could be on page 2 for anyone seeking further info.

Not a big think...just a suggestion.
Marie

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Sahagian
Sent: Fri 9/12/2014 9:23 AM
To: Marie Ganim
Subject: Fwd: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

Hi Marie, does this seem ok to you?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Thomas O'Brien <tob@cbrienlawri.com>
> Date: September 11, 2014 at 9:19:05 PM EDT
> To: "rsahagian@rilin.state.ri.us"
> <rsahagian@rilin.state.ri.us>
> Cc: "LUrbani@rilin.state.ri.us" <LUrbani@rilin.state.ri.us>
> Subject: FW: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info
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> Richard,
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> Please see the exchange below.
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> To the language of the revised Voter Handbook language that is attached - with the cost language INCLUDED -
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> The 5th full paragraph should read as follows:
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> If a majority of the State's electors vote to hold a Constitutional Convention, then it will be the responsibility of the 2015 General Assembly to enact legislation determining the method of election of delegates, setting forth an election schedule, and appropriating funds. The number of delegates shall be equal to the number of members of the House of

Representatives and shall be apportioned in the same manner as the members of the House of Representatives. The parameters of a Constitutional Convention would be decided by the General Assembly and the elected delegates to the Convention. The last Constitutional Convention was held in 1986.

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> The actual cost to the taxpayers of conducting a Convention in 2016 is unknown. However, the bi-partisan preparatory commission for the proposed Constitutional Convention that met in July and August 2014, reported that the projected cost to the taxpayers of holding a Constitutional Convention in 2016 would be approximately Two and One-half Million Dollars, (\$2.5M), after adjusting 1986 costs for inflation and in anticipation of numerous factors that could increase the cost of a convention to include the total number and location of convention meetings, the expense of hired experts, as well as the cost of a staff necessary to assist delegates in carrying out their duties.

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> Simple combination of the new handbook language with what had been previously suggested. The two paragraphs could be brought together as one paragraph instead of split as above.

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> Either way - that's the only revision necessary from the revised SOS version in my view.

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> Please let Lynne know your thoughts/input.

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> Thanks,

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> TO'B

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> From: Michael Narducci [<mailto:mnarducci@sos.ri.gov>]

> Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 4:56 PM

> To: Lynne Urbani

> Cc: Thomas H. OBrien; Thomas O'Brien

> Subject: RE: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

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> Tom and Lynn,

> The SOS has made the determination to leave the cost in as first asked by the commission. I attached the pages with the current language. Please make the corrections on the attached and let me know when you would like to insert the below language. I need this back first thing Friday morning as we have to go to print tomorrow.

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> From: Lynne Urbani [<mailto:L.Urbani@rilin.state.ri.us>]

> Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 2:13 PM

> To: Michael Narducci

> Cc: Thomas H. OBrien; tob@obrienlawri.com

> Subject: RE: Handbook Revision with cost section and

posting info

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> Hi Mike,

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> Tom is not in today.

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> However, if you go to the General Assembly Home page at www.rilin.state.ri.us and go to the special report section, it is the first report identified as final report from the Constitutional Convention Preparatory Commission.

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> I will attach a copy for you as well.

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> Has the voter handbook language been approved? If so, can you send us the final?

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> Thank you,

> Lynne

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> From: Michael Narducci [<mailto:mnarducci@sos.ri.gov>]

> Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 2:06 PM

> To: Michael Narducci; Thomas H. OBrien

> Cc: Lynne Urbani

> Subject: RE: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

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> Tom,

> Where on line can I find the final report from the commission? If it is not online can I obtain a copy?

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> From: Michael Narducci

> Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:52 AM

> To: 'Thomas H. OBrien'

> Cc: Lynne Urbani

> Subject: RE: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

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> Tom,

> Attached is the amended language that will appear in our voter handbook. In discussion with bond counsel and our legal counsel we made a determination to remove the cost of the Convention from the explanation. Please review the attached and let me know if it is good to go. I need to know asap as this booklet has to go to print.

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> From: Thomas H. OBrien [<mailto:tobrien@rilin.state.ri.us>]

> Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:53 PM

> To: Michael Narducci

> Cc: Lynne Urbani

> Subject: Handbook Revision with cost section and posting info

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> Mike,

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> I was asked to include a section about where the report will be posted. I took the below language from the 2004 report

which came in exactly the same location - immediately after the costs paragraph. With these two paragraphs - and all else the same - the handbook is ready on this question.

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> The parameters of a Constitutional Convention would be decided by the General Assembly and the elected delegates to the Convention. The last Constitutional Convention was held in 1986. The actual cost to the taxpayers of conducting a Convention in 2016 is unknown. However, the bi-partisan preparatory commission for the proposed Constitutional Convention that met in July and August 2014, reported that the projected cost to the taxpayers of holding a Constitutional Convention in 2016 would be approximately Two and One-half Million Dollars, (\$2.5M), after adjusting 1986 costs for inflation and in anticipation of numerous factors that could increase the cost of a convention to include the total number and location of convention meetings, the expense of hired experts, as well as the cost of a staff necessary to assist delegates in carrying out their duties.

> A copy of the complete report issued by the bi-partisan preparatory commission presenting its findings may be viewed on the website of the Rhode Island General Assembly (www.rilin.state.ri.us) or a copy of the report may be obtained from the Rhode Island State Library, State House Room 208, Providence, RI 02903.

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