



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Sens. LaRose, Cafaro, Burke, Seitz

BILL SUMMARY

- Proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the General Assembly to do the following: (1) invalidate rules proposed or adopted under a statute, and (2) create and empower joint committees of the Senate and House of Representatives to review rules that have been proposed or adopted under a statute and to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding those rules.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Invalidation of rules; joint committee

The resolution proposes to amend the Ohio Constitution to permit the General Assembly, by concurrent resolution, to invalidate rules that have been proposed or adopted under a statute.

Additionally, under the proposal, the General Assembly can enact, and subsequently can amend or repeal, statutes creating and empowering one or more joint committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, in conformity with standards prescribed in the statute, to review rules that have been proposed or adopted under a statute and to make recommendations to the General Assembly with regard to those rules. The joint committee must be comprised of an equal number of members from the Senate and House, and can be assigned jurisdiction with regard to general or particular subjects.

The proposal specifies that a statute enacted by the General Assembly that is currently in effect, but the validity of which is or may be questionable under the law as

it existed before the adoption of the constitutional amendment, is ratified and entitled to continue in effect, but can be subsequently amended or repealed.¹

Election and effective date

The resolution requires that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the electors at the general election to be held November 4, 2014. If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on it, the proposed amendment will take effect January 1, 2015.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-03-13

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¹ Ohio Const. Art. II, Sec. 1h.

