

**Subcommittee on Constitutional Revisions of the
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting
2022-2023 Interim
November 30, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Barry Ivey, chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Revisions of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Barry Ivey, chairman
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr., vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Candace N. Newell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Annie Smith, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

To consider and discuss constitutional provisions within the jurisdiction of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs in the manner contemplated by House Resolution No. 254 of the 2022 Regular Session

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, discussed constitutional provisions within the jurisdiction of the committee as outlined in House Resolution No. 254 of the 2022 Regular Session.

The following handouts were distributed and are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit A, House Resolution No. 254 by Representative Ivey of the 2022 Regular Session
- Exhibit B, "La. Constitution - Standing committee jurisdiction"
- Exhibit C, "Louisiana Constitutional Reform - Part 1: Getting the Foundation Right", Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana
- Exhibit D, Memorandum RE: Review of the Constitution of Louisiana pursuant to House Resolution No. 254, 2022 Regular Session, dated September 15, 2022

Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana

Steven Procopio, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 276-0426, discussed PAR and its key focus areas, Louisiana Constitutional Reform Part I and II reports, ways to change the Constitution, and ideas to consider from a PowerPoint presentation, labeled Exhibit E, "H&GA Subcommittee on Constitutional Revisions", which is in the committee records.

Louisiana State Law Institute

Judge Guy Holdridge, Louisiana State Law Institute, LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 715-6858, discussed a working draft provided by the Louisiana State Law Institute, labeled Exhibit F, "Louisiana State Law Institute Constitutional Laws Committee", which is in the committee records.

Clerical officers of the legislature - presentation regarding legislative sessions

Michelle Fontenot, clerk of the House of Representatives, discussed the frequency of legislative sessions, convening regular sessions, annual regular sessions in Louisiana, duration of sessions, subject matter restrictions, and tools for managing session workloads from a PowerPoint presentation, labeled Exhibit G, "Legislative Sessions", which is in the committee records.

Yolanda Dixon, secretary of the Senate, discussed bill limitations, request and introduction deadlines, scheduling calendar, floor amendments, interim hearings on prefiled bills and tools for managing the process, and considerations in changing the dates of session from Exhibit G.

Annie Smith, attorney for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, discussed the following handouts. They are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit H, Memorandum RE: Fundamental Law and Constitutional Foundations, dated November 29, 2022
- Exhibit I, "Model State Constitution", published in 1968 by *National Municipal League*

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, discussed Exhibits H and I.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There were no other matters.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS


There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Ivey, Wilford Carter, Gadberry, Horton, and Jenkins voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Barry Ivey
Subcommittee on Constitutional Revisions of the
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Date adopted: April 25, 2023