

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PUBLIC FUNDING OF STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

MINUTES

The Commission to Study the Feasibility of Public Funding of State Election Campaigns met in Room 301 of the Legislative Office Building on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., according to notice. All members of the Commission were present.

Chair Bradford Cook presided.

The first order of business was consideration of the minutes of the prior meeting. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was, unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the October 24 meeting of the Commission, as distributed.

The next order of business was a review of the structure of the public funding scheme to be proposed for inclusion in the report of the Commission. Commissioner Rauh distributed a memorandum prepared by Dan Will, summarizing the chart distributed previously. Discussion ensued and slight variations in language were made for clarification. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was, unanimously

VOTED: To forward the findings of the structure subcommittee, as amended, on form of financing plan and cost to the drafting sub-committee for inclusion in the draft report.

Attention turned to the possible funding sources. The sources previously identified by the funding sources subcommittee were discussed one by one. All of those presented were approved with the exception of the Legacies and Succession Tax reinstatement and the plastic bags fee, both of which were considered to be “second tier” sources that could be considered by the Legislature but were considered to be likely sources of General Fund revenue, only a portion of which could be dedicated to election campaign funding. The suggestion was they be included in the report as a second tier of options. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was, unanimously

VOTED: To forward the proposed funding sources identified by the funding source sub-committee, divided into likely and second tier sources, to the drafting sub-committee for inclusion in the draft report.

Commission members discussed the upcoming schedule for Commission meetings and report preparation. The drafting sub-committee will attempt to have a draft

report for the Commission to consider at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m., Room 104 of the Legislative Office Building.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn, at 12:07 p.m.

A true record, attest.

Bradford E. Cook, Chair and Secretary Pro Tem