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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
Attachments: CON CON Report Final.doc

Hi Mike,

Tom is not in today.

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.

I will attach a copy for you as well.

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

Thank you,
Lynne



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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?

From: Michael Narducci
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:52 AM
To: 'Thomas H. OBrien'
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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.

From: Thomas H. OBrien [<mailto:tobrien@rilin.state.ri.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Michael Narducci
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Mike,

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.

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.