

Minutes from the Zone 3 Election Law Committee, April 4, 2014

Zone 3 President August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk, appointed a committee to review election law. The group consisted of: Augie Griffin (Edgar), Gordy Hulten (Champaign), Carrie Downey (Clark), Kathy Michael (McLean), Bruce Clark (Kankakee) and Sally Litterly-Turner (Logan). The committee met in Champaign on April 4, 2014.

Mission Statement of the Group:

To promote legislation to enable Illinois counties to efficiently administer elections within budgetary constraints.

How to present ideas to IACCR:

A top five list will be researched and presented to the IACCR President who will then distribute to all Zone Presidents for their review. The top five list will also be presented to the Legislative Committee at the April Conference.

How to resolve differences of opinions between committee members:

The committee will have a consensus on each item brought forward, and if not reached, the issue will not be brought to the IACCR from the committee.

Determine the top five issues of the committee:

The committee will determine the top five issues through discussion, deliberation and vote.

Top Five issues to bring forward from the committee are:

- 1) Vote Centers
- 2) Clustering of Precincts for all elections in both odd and even years.
- 3) Publication of Required Election Notices
 - a. Change requirement to publication on local public website if one is present
 - b. If no public website, to be posted the SBE website; and posted at several local publications locations
- 4) Study ways to promote the professionalization of election judges.
- 5) Combine Early, Grace and In Person Absentee Voting
 - a. The combined voting to begin on the 27th day prior to an election.
 - b. All combined voting to end at closing on the Monday before an election.
 - c. Absentee by mail and UCOVA to continue on the 45th day prior to an election.

The next meeting of the committee will be in Terre Haute, IN on May 6.

Aforementioned issues will be sent to the President of IACCR upon approval of all members and prior to the April 29, 2014 IACCR Legislative Meeting.

Auggie will notify the committee of the time and place of meeting in Indiana and the committee will prepare further comment for the members after May 6.