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**From:** Michelle Arias <marias@sos.ri.gov>  
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**To:** Constitutional Convention Commission; Sen. Euer, Dawn; Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.  
**Cc:** Joseph Rodgers; Kyla Pecchia; Nicole McCarty; Stephen Kavanagh  
**Subject:** RE: Testimony for 8/21/24 Con. Con. Bi-Partisan Preparatory Commission Meeting  
**Attachments:** 1984 Referenda Book.pdf; 1994 Referenda Book.pdf; 2004 Referenda Book.pdf; 2014 Referenda Book.pdf

Good Afternoon Co-Chairs Euer & Craven,

After the 8/21/24 meeting of the Bi-partisan Preparatory Commission, our office is following up to provide the attached voter guides for 1984, 1994, 2004 & 2014.

In addition, we would like to respond to Representative Corvese's request for recommendations on the responsibilities and/or questions the General Assembly should consider if voters approve Question 1 to hold a Constitutional Convention. Our office can attest to the roles and responsibilities of the Department of State; therefore, the following are items the General Assembly could consider if voters approve Question 1 this November:

- Non-partisan/partisan delegates
  - If partisan, what is the endorsement process?
- Qualifications/prohibitions on delegate candidate eligibility
- Determining the Election Calendar
  - Declaration of candidacy period
  - Nomination paper period
  - Objection period
  - Signature validation/certification period
  - Delegate candidate withdrawal process
- Conduct of election
  - Early voting, mail ballots, Election Day voting
  - All/Predominately mail ballot election
- Ballot placement of delegate candidates
- Combination of polling places (*schools represent half of polling places across the state and are considered the most accessible/ADA-compliant*)
- Failure of a delegate candidate to file in a district

These are some of the questions the General Assembly could consider—at least within the scope of the Department of State's responsibilities.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you.

Best,  
Michelle