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State ex rel. Ebersole v. Powell

Supreme Court of Ohio - September 29, 2014 - N.E.3d - 2014 - Ohio - 4283

Residents sought writ of mandamus to compel city council and city clerk to place proposed amendment to city charter on election ballot. The Supreme Court held that proposed amendment was an unlawful delegation of legislative power, and that city properly refused to place the matter on the ballot.

On reconsideration, the Supreme Court of Ohio held that city council was without authority to review the substance of a proposed ballot measure to amend city charter, and thus, acted unlawfully when it failed to pass ordinance to place amendment before the voters.

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