



Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)



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Constitution of Florida

The Constitution of the State of Florida is the document that establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure and function of the government of the state.

Florida has 5 ways to amend the constitution:

1. The Florida Legislature
2. **The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)**
3. The “people” through the initiative process
4. Constitutional convention
5. The Taxation and Budget Commission



What is the CRC?

The CRC is a group of 37 people who will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution.

- **Article XI, Section 2**
- **Meets every 20 years**
- **Puts amendments directly on ballot (requires 60% voter approval to pass)**
- **CRC amendments are not bound by single subject requirements**
- **37 members are appointed**
- **This will be the third CRC in state's history**



Who serves on the CRC?

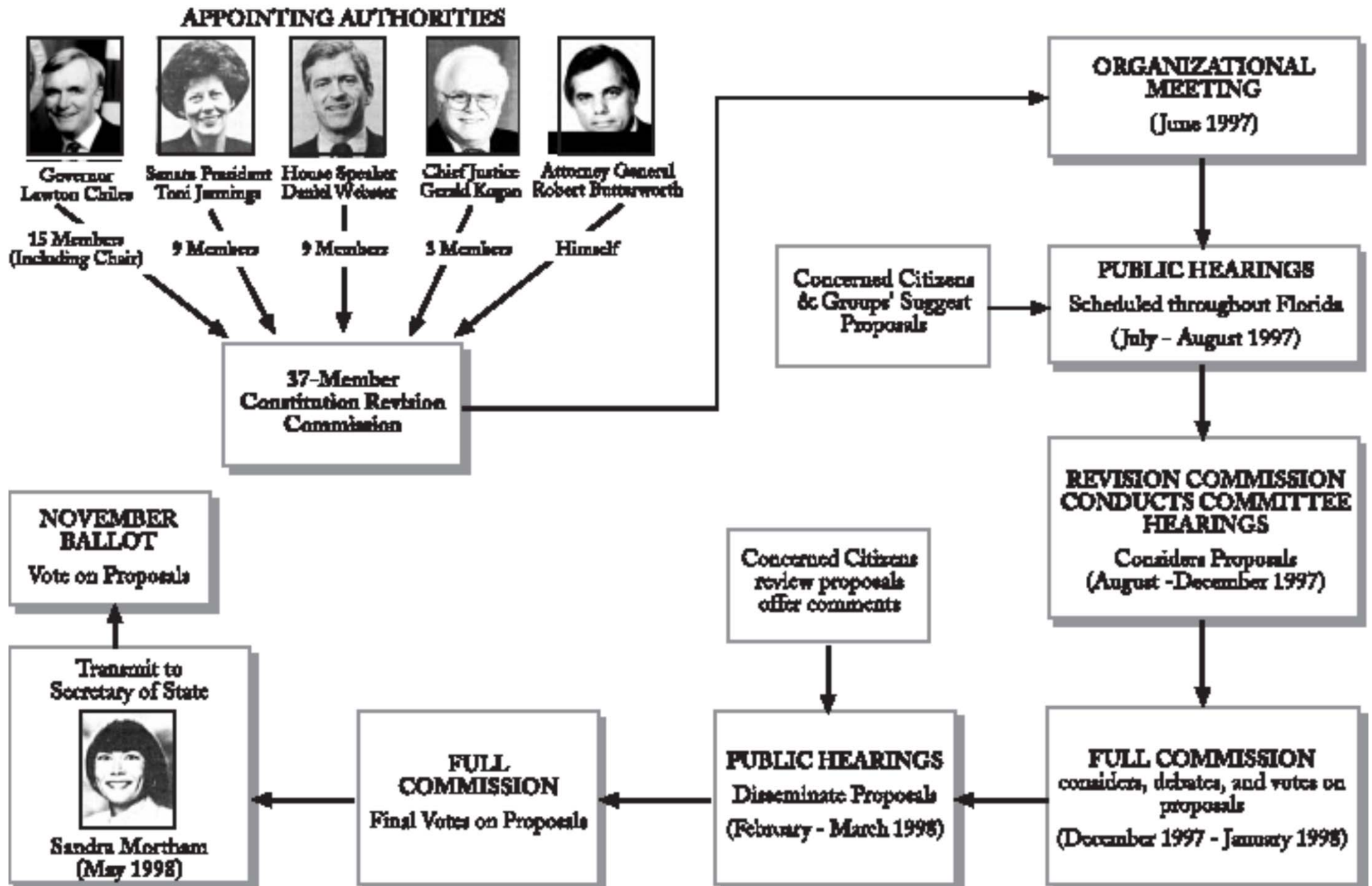
- 15 Appointed by the Governor
- 9 Appointed by the Speaker of the House
- 9 Appointed by the President of the Senate
- 3 Appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court
- The Attorney General of Florida



What will the CRC do?

- **Adopt rules of procedure**
- **Examine the constitution of the state**
- **Hold public hearings**
- **Make recommendations for revisions to go on the 2018 general election ballot**

Florida's Constitution Revision Commission Process





Previous CRCs

1977-1978 CRC

- Eight proposals
- None adopted on ballot

1997-1998 CRC

- Nine proposals
- Eight were successful



CRC Timeline

- **June 6, 2017** – Full Commission Meeting for purpose of considering Rules (Orlando).
- **July and August 2017** – Voluntary training on various procedural and substantive issues.
- **September to December 2017** – Committee meetings (being considerate of the Legislature's committee schedule and fall holidays).
- **Late February and March 2018** – Public hearing phase two; we will take public input on the work of the Commission up to that point, prior to any votes on final passage.
- **March and April** – Full Commission meetings for the purpose of hearing proposals.
- **May 10, 2018** – Final report due to the Florida Department of State.
- **Voters vote on proposals (November 2018)**



CRC Committee Meetings

- September 18-19, *Full Commission Mtg.
September 19
- September 26-28
- October 3-5
- October 17-19, *Full Commission Mtg.
October 17
- October 31- November 2
- November 28-30
- December 12-14



CRC Deadlines

- Public proposal filing deadline September 22, 2017
- Commissioner proposal bill drafting deadline October 10, 2017
- Commissioner proposal filing deadline October 24, 2017



Looking Ahead

- Potential Issues:
 - Open Primaries/"Write-in" Provisions
 - Restoring Voting Rights to Felons
 - The Environment
 - Home Rule
 - Education
 - Judicial Term Limits
 - Abortion/Privacy Protections
 - Cabinet Structure



Key Points

- Over the past 40 years, Florida's population has increased from around 9 million to over 20 million
- 60% of the popular vote is required for adoption. With the new threshold, three of the 1998 proposals would have failed.
- Politically, this is the first time that the appointing elected officials are all Republicans.
- Not all those seeking to influence the process agree on the vision of Florida's future.



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