


The seal of the Constitution Revision Commission of Florida is centered. It is a circular emblem with a gold border. Inside the border, the text "CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION" is written in blue, arching over the top. Below the arch, it says "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA" in red. The center of the seal depicts a woman in a blue dress holding a scale, standing on a beach with a palm tree and a ship in the background. At the bottom of the seal, it reads "IN GOD WE TRUST" in red. Below the seal, the years "2017 - 2018" are written in blue.

Presented by David Cruz and Kraig Conn
Thursday, November



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What is the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)?

Created by Article XI, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution

Convenes once every 20 years and is composed of 37 Commissioners

Examines the Florida Constitution and proposes revisions/changes for voter consideration on Florida's General Election ballot (November 6, 2018)

Meets for approximately one year, holding public hearings across the State of Florida, identifying issues and performing research



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CRC Appointing Authorities

- **Governor of Florida**
 - (15 appointments, including CRC Chair)
- **Florida Attorney General**
 - (Automatic Appointment)
- **Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives**
 - (9 appointments)
- **President of the Florida Senate**
 - (9 appointments)
- **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida**
 - (3 appointments)



37 COMMISSIONERS

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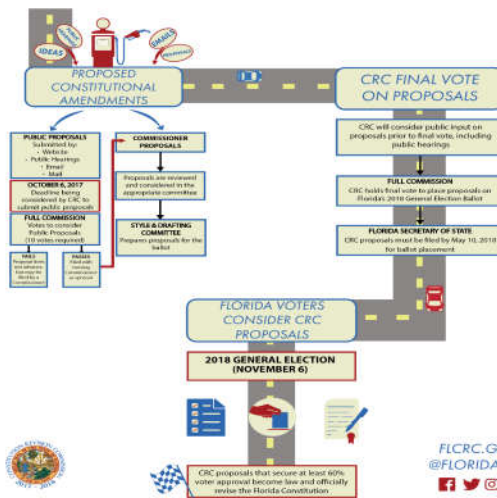


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2017-2018 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION (CRC)
HOW A CRC PROPOSAL BECOMES LAW
 A ROADMAP TO REVISING FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION



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Public Proposals

- The CRC received more than 2,000 total public proposal submissions, in addition to thousands of comments and suggestions.
- The deadline to submit a public proposal was October 6, 2017.
- Out of the 2,000 public proposals, 6 were introduced for consideration by the CRC.



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Commissioner Proposals

- The deadline to submit a Commissioner proposal was October 31, 2017.
- Due to a backlog in bill drafting, not all proposals have been released that were submitted by the October 31 deadline.
- As of November 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., 69 Commissioner sponsored proposals have been released.
- In total, 75 public and Commissioner proposals.



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Home Rule Proposal P 61

Sponsor: Comm. Chris Smith

STRENGTHENS LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

This proposal is based on a simple idea: local decisions should be made by local communities, not distant governments. Each city, town and village should be governed by its own citizens, especially in a state as big and diverse as Florida.

EMPOWERS PEOPLE BY LIMITING GOVERNMENT

This proposal says the state must justify policies that concentrate power in Tallahassee at the expense of local cities and taxpayers. Furthermore, it requires that state policies curtailing local rights pass by a two-thirds majority vote and be no broader than necessary. Those are sensible, balanced checks against the aggressive expansion of state powers.

REQUIRES GREATER TRANSPARENCY

This proposal requires the state legislature provide at least 48-hours of public notice before restricting the decision-making rights of a local community and its citizens. That will give state lawmakers, local leaders and all Floridians more time to review bills that could restrict the rights and freedoms of local communities.

PROMOTES COMMONSENSE POLICYMAKING

This proposal says that any policy to restrict the rights of local communities should be considered on its own merits, as a standalone bill—not tacked on to “must-pass” legislation at the eleventh hour, without the benefit of a full debate in broad daylight.



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Finance and Tax

Proposal dealing with unfunded mandates in drafting.

P63 by Darryl Rouson


- Creates Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to require that newly adopted constitutional tax exemptions or the expansion of an existing constitutional tax exemption be subject to repeal unless readopted by the electors of the state in a subsequent election.

P69 by Chris Sprowls

- Amends Section 9 of Article VII of the State Constitution to prohibit certain special districts, except ones created for water management purposes, from levying ad valorem taxes after January 7, 2029, or 10 years after the date of voter approval for such authority.

P72 by Fred Karlinsky

- Creates a new section in Article VII of the State Constitution to establish that a law may not impose a new state tax or fee or raise an existing state tax or fee unless passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.



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Ethics

P 39 by Don Gaetz

- Amends Section 8 of Article II, Section 13 of Article V, and creates a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to establish certain restrictions for specified public officers and employees regarding the personal representation for compensation of another person or entity before certain government bodies.

P 52 by Rich Newsome

- Amends Section 8 of Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit elected public officers, candidates for elected public office, and the immediate family members thereof, from self-dealing and participating in certain financial transactions with governmental entities, the officer's or candidate's campaign, or certain political organizations under specified circumstances.



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Personnel

3 Proposals filed dealing with death benefits of first responders.

P 16 by Emery Gainey

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish the rights to certain death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders.
- Employer Pays

P 49 by Emery Gainey

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish the rights to certain death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders and military members.
- Employer Pays

P 57 by Frank Kruppenbacher

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish rights to certain death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders, military members, and public school employees.
- "General Revenue" pays



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Environment

P 23 by Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch

- Amends Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to establish that every person has a right to a clean and healthful environment.

P 46 by Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch

- Amends Section 28 of Article X of the State Constitution to revise the manner of the distribution of funds that are deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from a portion of the net revenues derived from the excise tax on documents.



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General Government

P 18 by Erka Donalds

- Creates a new section in Article I of the State Constitution to establish the inalienable right of all persons to pursue an honest trade, vocation, occupation, or career.

P 37 by John Stemberger

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to prohibit the naming of public buildings, programs, or other facilities after municipal, county, or state elected officials unless certain requirements are met.

P 51 by Rich Newsome

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish certain rights available to all electricity customers in this state.

P 56 by Frank Kruppenbacher

- Amends Section 7 of Article VI of the State Constitution to remove the requirement that a method of public financing for campaigns for statewide office be established by law and to prohibit the expenditure of any public funds on campaigns for state or local elections.



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General Government Cont.

P 65 by Lisa Carlton

- Amends Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution to establish a general prohibition on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in enclosed indoor workplaces.



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Other Proposals of Interest

P 4 by Roberto Martinez

- Amends Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution to remove the prohibition against using public revenues in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or any sectarian institution.

P 29 by Rich Newsome

- Creates a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish requirements on employers to verify the employment eligibility of new employees using the Employment Authorization Program or any successor program administered by the Federal Government and to provide for enforcement by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- As drafted, applies only to state agencies.



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Local Government Committee

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Chair - *Erika Donalds*, Collier County School Board Member

Vice Chair – *Sheriff Chris Nocco*, Pasco County

- *Bob Solari*, Indian River County Commissioner
- *John Stemberger*, Attorney from Orange County; Pres. Florida Family Policy Counsel
- *Emery Gainey*, Victim Advocate and Law Enforcement Liaison, Attorney General's Office; former interim Sheriff for Marion County
- *Nicole Washington*, Education Consultant, Miami-Dade County
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