
CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

2017 - 2018



CITIZEN GUIDE



WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION?

The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) convenes once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration. Created by Article XI, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, the CRC is composed of 37 Commissioners.

The CRC meets for approximately one year, traveling across the State of Florida, identifying issues, performing research and possibly recommending changes to the Florida Constitution. As part of this process, the CRC holds public hearings to learn about issues that matter most to Floridians and considers public input.

Any proposals that pass the CRC's final vote would be placed on Florida's General Election ballot (November 6, 2018) and must secure at least 60 percent voter approval to become law.

WHAT MAKES THE CRC UNIQUE?



The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) convenes only once every 20 years and is a historic opportunity for Floridians.



Florida is the only state in the nation that offers this unique process with high-level input from citizens.



Through the CRC, Floridians can speak directly before Commissioners and propose constitutional amendments that could potentially go directly onto Florida's 2018 General Election ballot for voter consideration.

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE CRC?

The 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) is the third of its kind in Florida history.

In 1968, Florida voters ratified three separate amendments rewriting significant portions of the Florida Constitution. One of those amendments included a provision requiring a CRC to convene and examine the Florida Constitution once every 20 years for possible changes, beginning in 1977. The first CRC convened in 1977-1978 and the second CRC convened in 1997-1998.

The **1977-1978** CRC, chaired by Sandy D'Alemberte, placed eight proposed constitutional amendments on the Florida ballot for voter consideration. None of the proposals were passed by Florida voters. However, proposals similar to the CRC's proposed changes were adopted in later years as part of the Florida Constitution or statute law, either by citizen ballot initiative or by legislative proposal.

The **1997-1998** CRC, chaired by Dexter Douglass, placed nine proposed constitutional amendments on the Florida ballot for voter consideration. Eight were passed by Florida voters.

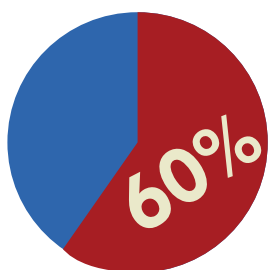
The **2017-2018** CRC, chaired by Carlos Beruff, held its organization meeting on March 20, 2017, and must complete its work by May 10, 2018, which is the deadline to submit its final report to the Florida Secretary of State. Any proposals passed by the CRC will be placed on Florida's 2018 General Election ballot for voter consideration.

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE PREVIOUS CRC HELD IN 1997-1998?

A lot has changed over 20 years...

Since the last CRC convened in 1997-1998, Florida's population has grown by more than 5 million people and the issues facing Floridians have evolved. Social media and access to the Internet are a mainstay in everyday life, creating a historic level of public input.

In 1998, CRC proposals required a simple majority to be passed by Florida voters (more than 50 percent). As of 2006, at least 60 percent of the vote is required to pass a constitutional amendment.



2018
GENERAL ELECTION
**VOTER
APPROVAL**



WHO ARE THE COMMISSIONERS?

The CRC is composed of 37 Commissioners from across the State of Florida:



Fifteen Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of Florida (including the Chair)



Nine by the President of the Florida Senate



Nine by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives



Three by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court



The Attorney General of Florida (automatic appointment)

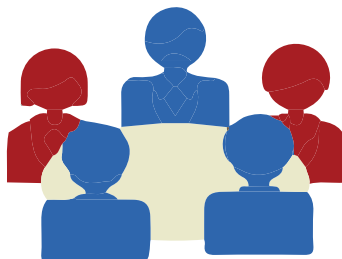
Learn more about CRC Commissioners at flcrc.gov/commissioners



Group portrait of the 2017-2018 Florida CRC at its organization meeting in the Florida Senate Chamber on March 20, 2017.

CRC COMMITTEES

CRC Commissioners serve on committees, which function to examine proposed revisions to the Florida Constitution. CRC Rules establish 10 substantive committees to examine the 12 Articles of the Florida Constitution and two procedural committees to consider administrative and technical matters. Learn more about CRC committees at flcrc.gov/Committees.



WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE CRC?

The CRC encourages all interested Floridians to submit their proposed constitutional amendments as soon as possible.

The CRC Rules and Administration Committee has recommended October 6, 2017 as the deadline for public proposals to be submitted to the CRC for consideration.

A deadline for public proposals will help ensure that all proposals submitted by Floridians are given the consideration and review they deserve.

Visit flcrc.gov/Proposals/Submit to create and submit a proposed constitutional amendment to the CRC.



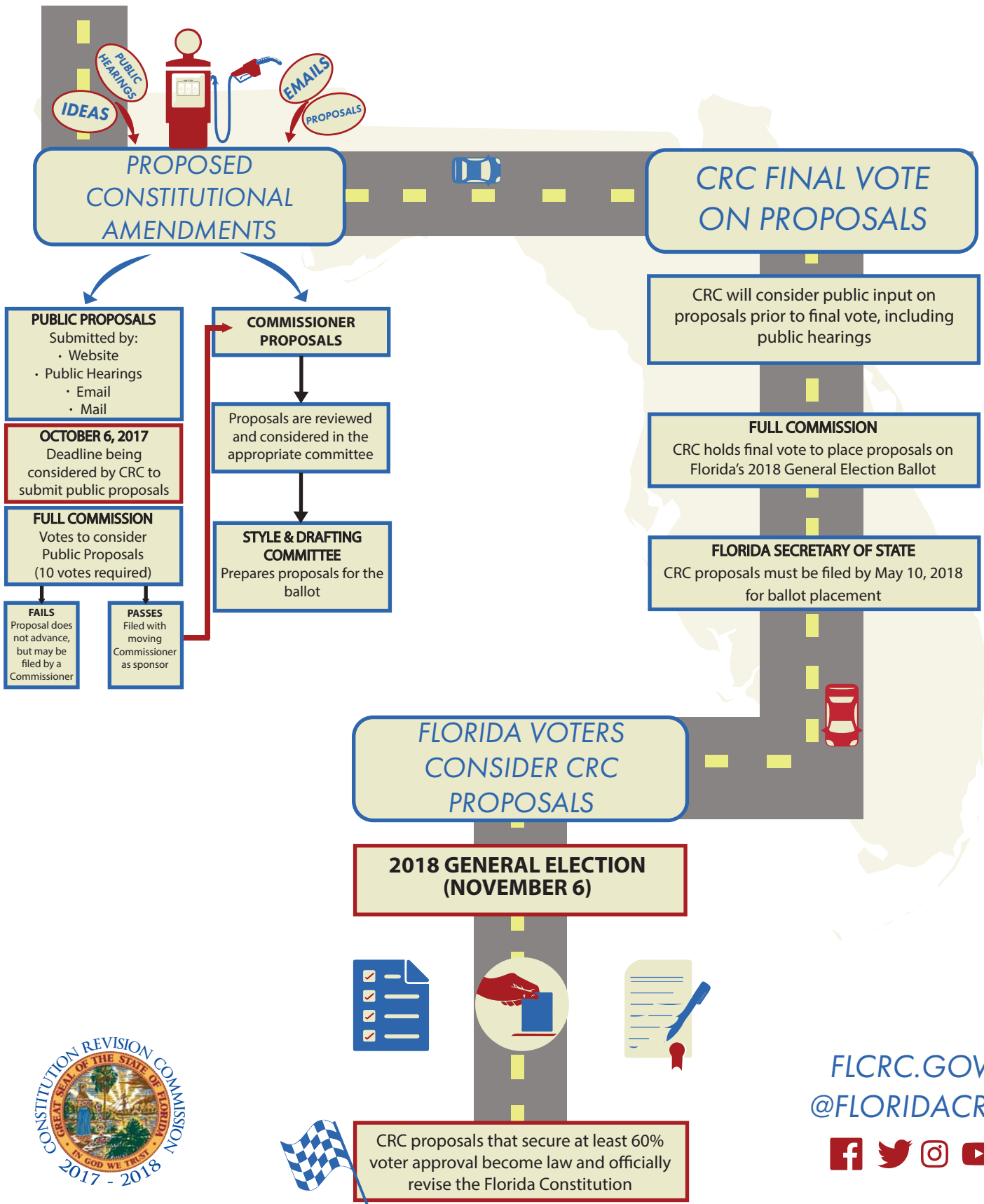
WHEN WILL THE 2017-2018 CRC COMPLETE ITS WORK?

The CRC must submit its final report to the Florida Secretary of State by May 10, 2018.



2017-2018 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION (CRC) HOW A CRC PROPOSAL BECOMES LAW

A ROADMAP TO REVISING FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION



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HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN THE CRC PROCESS?



SPEAK AT A
PUBLIC HEARING



CREATE AND
SUBMIT A
PROPOSAL



EMAIL
COMMISSIONERS



SEND A
COMMENT TO
THE CRC

Visit flcrc.gov for information on upcoming CRC public hearings and meetings, contact information for Commissioners and how to send proposed constitutional amendments and comments to the CRC.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE CRC OFFICE?

The CRC is on standby to assist you!

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