



CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

2018 PUBLIC HEARINGS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION (CRC)?

The 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 one of only five ways the state constitution may be changed. The CRC meets for approximately one year, traveling across the state, 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.

WHO ARE THE CRC COMMISSIONERS?

The biographies and contact information for all 37 CRC Commissioners are available online at flcrc.gov. By law, 15 Commissioners (including the CRC Chair) are appointed by the Governor of Florida, nine by the President of the Florida Senate, nine by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and three by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The Attorney General of Florida automatically serves on the CRC.

HOW DOES THE CRC PUT PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS ON THE BALLOT?

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

WHEN DOES THE CRC END?

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

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC HEARING?

To speak at a public hearing, you must fill out an appearance form and hand it in to CRC staff at the citizen services desk. The appearance form is available online at flcrc.gov and printed copies are available at public hearings. Appearance forms will not be accepted in advance of a public hearing date.

WHAT SHOULD I SPEAK ABOUT? HOW MUCH TIME WILL I HAVE TO SPEAK?

The CRC encourages Floridians who sign up to speak to keep their remarks relevant to proposals that are currently under CRC consideration for placement on the ballot. Floridians should be prepared to limit their remarks to two minutes. However, speaking time allocations are at the discretion of the CRC Chair.

WHERE CAN I READ PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CRC FOR THE BALLOT?

Proposed constitutional revisions being considered by the CRC are available for review online at flcrc.gov.

IF I SPEAK AT A PUBLIC HEARING, DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY COMMENTS IN WRITING?

Your comments will be included in the online transcript of the public hearing. If you wish to submit additional information, you are welcome to email us at admin@flcrc.gov.

IS THERE AN AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS? HOW CAN I TRACK THE CRC'S WORK?

The goal of public hearings is to give Floridians an open format to speak to Commissioners. There is no formal agenda. The CRC is a public-driven process and we provide real-time updates on our website at flcrc.gov.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE CRC?

You may contact the CRC by emailing us at admin@flcrc.gov or calling us at 850.717.9550. You may also share written comments and find our mailing address through our website at flcrc.gov.