

# 2018 Constitutional Revision

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# Constitutional Revision Commission

- Meets every 20 years
- 37 member revision commission
- Review Florida's Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration
- Meets for over a year, travels the state, identifies issues, performs research, and possibly recommends changes to the Constitution
- Past commissions have given us Home Rule and Article V State Court Funding.
- Last met in 1997-98

# Why Talk About this Now?

- Strategic Plan covers this time period
- Members of 1998 commission were officially appointed in early 1997 (process began in 1996)
- Proposals were presented for debate, amendment, and voting in Dec 1997
- First constitutional revision meeting FAC was invited to was held in March 1995 at the Capitol
- First one this cycle is on October 28, 2015

# CRC Membership

- 37 Members
- Governor appoints 15 (including chair)
- Senate President appoints nine
- Speaker of the House appoints nine
- Supreme Court Chief Justice appoints three
- Attorney General is a member

# 1997-98 Commission Membership

- Steering Committee of five created in 1996 and began meeting then
- Other appointments made at the close of 1996 and very early 1997
- One mayor (Clarence Anthony)
- One former county commissioner (Clay Henderson)
- One former county attorney (Bob Nabors)
- One former school board member (John Lowndes)
- Attempted FAC appointees included Steve Seibert and John Manning, among others

# FAC Involvement in 1998

- Work began in 1995 with the creation of a 19 county commissioner member FAC committee; worked until September 1997 to finalize proposals, only one of which was Article V State Court Funding
- Other committees formed on specific issues during the 96-98 timeframe
- Research, analysis, strategy, work plans, staff assignments, grassroots assignments
- Ultimately, a statewide ballot campaign was run, complete with a PAC, campaign staff, a special assessment levied on the counties, and ballot approval

# Preparation

- Appointees to commission (identification; how to)
- Proactive proposals (e.g., unfunded mandates, sales tax exemptions)
- Defensive work (e.g., property tax reform, municipal initiatives)
- FAC: internal work plan including county involvement, local government partners involvement, and stakeholder meetings
- Lobbying, communications assistance
- Campaign funding and strategy