



# 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 will be appointed no later than February, 2017**
- **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



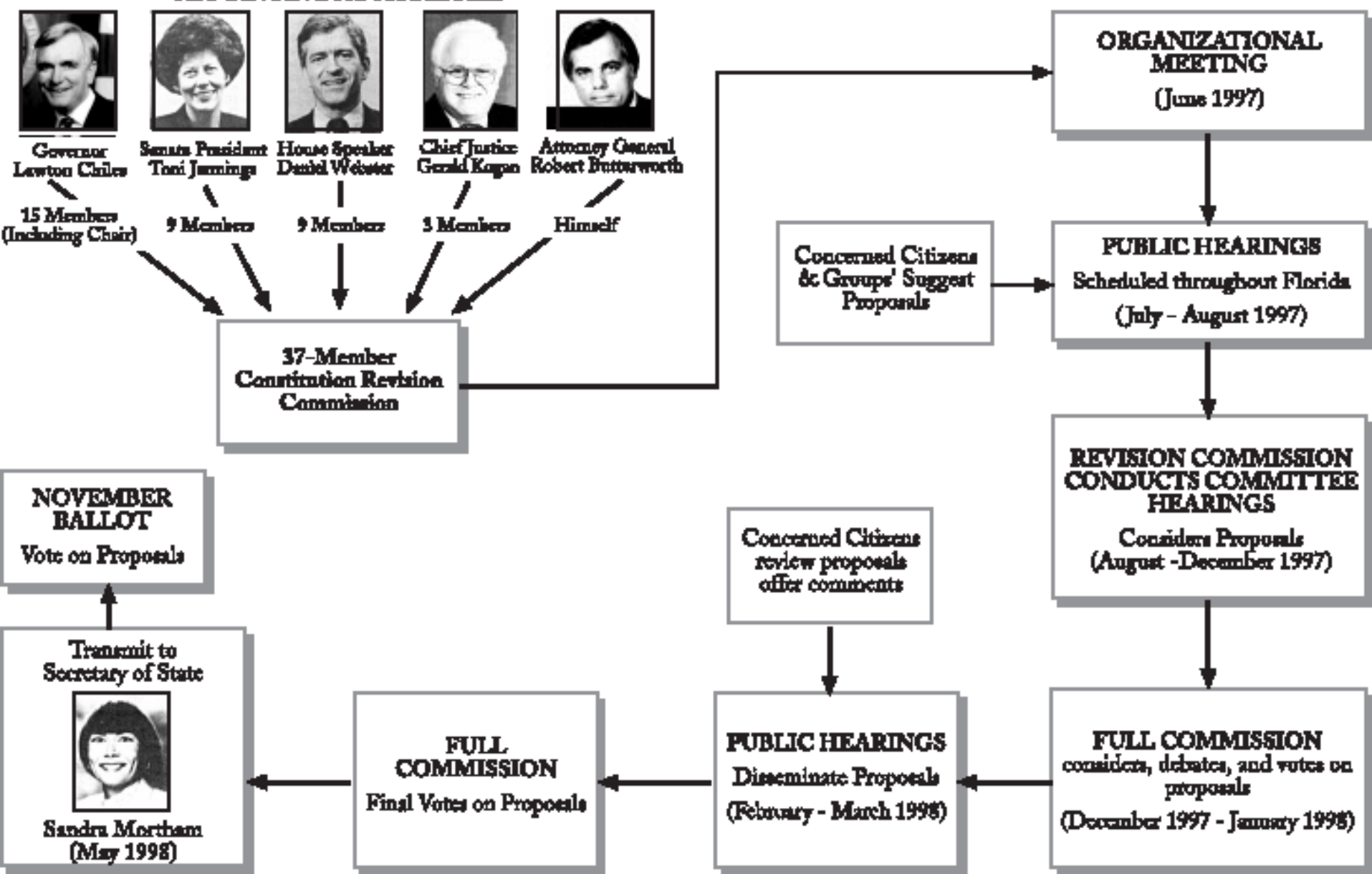


# What will the CRC do?

- 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

## APPOINTING AUTHORITIES





# Previous CRCs

## 1977-1978 CRC

- Eight proposals
- None adopted on ballot

## 1997-1998 CRC

- Nine proposals
- Eight were successful



# When will the CRC process begin?

- 30 days before the start of the 2017 Legislative Session, members of the CRC must be appointed (February 5, 2017)
- Organizational meeting (June 2017)
- Likely public hearings (Summer 2017)
- Final CRC proposals submitted to Sec. of State (May 2018)
- Voters vote on proposals (November 2018)





# FLC CRC Game Plan

- Immediate future: Develop a strategy to influence appointments to the CRC
- After appointments are made, develop a strategy to influence the CRC process itself
- Develop a long-term strategy to vet issues benefiting municipal governments for the CRC's consideration



# CRC Homework

- If you have a working relationship with the officials making CRC appointments and are willing to help, please let League staff know and we will contact you as staff develops a comprehensive strategy to influence appointments
- Once the CRC is appointed, League staff will develop a key contact program of city officials that have relationships with CRC members
- Encourage city officials to attend and participate at public CRC meetings



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