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## OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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### **Recommendations from Committee Structure and Topics**

1. Committee Structure: Recommend using the outline of the 1970-1977 Constitutional Revision Commission committee structure
  - a. Standing Committees:
    - i. Organization and Administration: budgeting, staffing, ethics and procedural rules; recommendations to the Commission as a whole for new members as Commission members leave the Commission
    - ii. Public Education and Information: public information, education, and information to and from the citizens of Ohio and the Commission and on its proposals, if any
    - iii. Liaison with Public Offices: public information and relations with any and all public offices reasonably affected, if at all, by a Commission proposal
    - iv. Coordinating: to assign subject areas of the Ohio Constitution and proposals to various Subject Matter Committees, based upon the subject areas of the applicable committees described on attachment A; and to ensure that the Subject Matter Committees move forward on a timely basis with responses and viewpoints on proposals
  - b. Subject Matter Committees:
    - i. Bill of Rights & Voting Rights
    - ii. Legislative Branch
    - iii. Education, Public Institutions, & Miscellaneous
    - iv. Executive Branch
    - v. Judicial Branch & the Administration of Justice
    - vi. Local Government
    - vii. Finance, Taxation, & Economic Development
    - viii. Constitutional Revisions & Updating
2. The Coordinating Standing Committee should be a super “oversight” committee, except to ensure the Subject matter Committees are moving forward.
3. The Coordinating Standing Committee should require a simple report from each Subject Matter Committee within a specified timeframe to prevent burying of specific proposals.
4. Standing Committees and Subject Matter Committees should have the same ratio of public members and legislative members as the full Commission, except partisan balance should be maintained.
5. Co-Chairs should assign duties and membership to the Standing Committees and Subject Matter Committees.

## **Responses to Items for Discussion from Committee Structure and Topics**

1. Should the Commission aim for a systematic review of the Constitution similar to the 1970's Commission or does the Commission want to focus on particular problems/issues? Yes to systemic
2. Will the standing committees and subcommittees have meetings around Ohio? Yes