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COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During its October meeting, the Coordinating Committee, chaired by Kathleen M. Trafford, presented a [template](#) for reports and recommendations that included a five-to nine-month timeline for approval.

The reports and recommendations would be used to ease the process for subject matter committees as they prepare to recommend retaining, repealing, or amending provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

The template requires a subject matter committee upon review of a provision, to submit a full proposal to the Coordinating Committee which includes the recommendation, as well as, the background of the provision, review by constitutional commissions or conventions, and the committees' rationale for its conclusion.

Chairwoman Trafford suggested that in most circumstances the approval process would take at least three to five months before a recommendation would be ready to move on to the full commission for a vote. In most cases, the timeline suggests a two-to three-month approval period for the subject matter committee and a one-to two-months approval period for the coordinating committee with a two-to four-month approval period for the full commission.

When discussing the timeline, Commissioner Representative Vernon Sykes requested clarification as to whether the timeline was based on the number of days or number of meetings needed before a proposal could be recommended. OCMC Executive Director Steven C. Hollon explained that a proposed recommendation hypothetically could be approved through the subject matter committee and the coordinating committee and then presented to the full commission within the same day.

No reports or recommendations have been presented to the Coordinating Committee for review to date.

The OCMC was created in 2011 by the Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 188 of the 129th General Assembly. It is modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission which completed its work in the 1970's.

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