

OCMC and Term Limits Discussed on All Sides with Ann Fisher

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Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (Commission) members Herb Asher and Rep. Michael F. Curtin joined Rob Walgate, vice president of the American Policy Roundtable, today on All Sides with Ann Fisher to discuss the commissioner's consideration of term limits for state legislators.

The discussion focused on the impact of term limits and whether they should be extended or remain the same; how voters view term limits; and how term limits could affect the redistricting proposal slated to go before voters in November. Asher and Curtin are members of the Commission's Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee, which is charged with reviewing sections of the Ohio Constitution dealing with term limits.

The Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee is currently reviewing two options for amending Article II, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution, which deals with elections and terms of state legislators. Article II, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution currently states that "no person shall hold the office of State Senator for a period longer than two successive terms of four years. No person shall hold the office of State Representative for a period of longer than four successive terms of two years." Both options presented to the committee for its consideration recommend term limits be extended from eight consecutive years to 12 consecutive years for each chamber.

The next meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee will be held on Thursday, April 9, in the Ohio Statehouse. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

All Sides with Ann Fisher is a two-hour, daily public-affairs talk show that is designed to deal with all sides of issues and events that shape life in Central Ohio. The show airs weekdays from 10 a.m. to noon on WOSU 89.7.

About the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

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.