

Requirements for changes and additions to the OCMC website - to include:

- new default Home page
- Ohio Constitution page
- Individual Member Bio pages
- Individual Committee pages
- FAQs page

Old banner graphic and menu



The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission



New banner graphic and menu



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New menu options

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Dear fellow Ohioans,

As we go about our lives, we are affected every day by the laws of this state. Although the vast majority of Ohioans know that the Ohio Constitution is our state's highest-governing document, a smaller number of people have actually read its wording. It covers everything from education and local government to gambling and finances—and in many cases, it does so with very specific language.

In a state as diverse and ever-changing as Ohio, how do we ensure that the Ohio Constitution continues to accurately reflect the people of our great state?

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) was created with the goal of making needed improvements to our state constitution. The commission is comprised of both lawmakers and public members including educators, business leaders, local government officials and others. Our job is to take an in-depth look at the Ohio Constitution through a modern-day framework, starting a conversation on the problems associated with it and forming suggestions of desired changes.

Ultimately, our recommendations will go to the Ohio General Assembly, which can then place issues on the ballot for the people of Ohio to vote for or against. This makes public input an essential part of ensuring that the commission's recommendations will be reflective of people like you. Not only can you cast your ballot when it is all said and done; you can have a say as the process moves along—whether through general correspondence with the commission or attending one of the many public hearings that we plan to have throughout the state.

In the coming months and years, you will be hearing much more from OCMC and its members because we want to make sure you stay as informed on our progress as possible. You can also find regular updates at ocmc.ohio.gov.

The constitutional changes that might be enacted through the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission could have a very significant impact on the future of this state. Our hope is that you will join us in this very careful and deliberative process—one that we carry out because of our shared interest in seeing Ohio prosper.

Sincerely,

William G. Batchelder
Co-Chair
Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives

Vernon Sykes
Co-Chair
Representative, 34th House District

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The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission shall make its first report to the general assembly not later than January 1, 2013. Thereafter, it shall report at least every two years until its work is completed. The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission shall complete its work on or before July 1, 2021, and shall cease to exist at that time. The terms of all members shall expire July 1, 2021.

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission meets on the second Thursday of every month. If you would like to receive notices of future meetings, please join the OCMC mailing list [here](#).

This is the existing About page - no changes are anticipated

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Ohio Constitution

The 1851 Constitution with Amendments to 2011

Search the Constitution by Keyword:

Search

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- ☆ Preamble
- ☆ Article 1 - Bill of Rights
- ☆ Article 2 - Legislative 1
- ☆ Article 3 - Executive
- ☆ Article 4 - Judicial
- ☆ Article 5 - Elective Franchise
- ☆ Article 6 - Education
- ☆ Article 7 - Public Institutions
- ☆ Article 8 - Public Debt and Public Works
- ☆ Article 9 - Militia
- ☆ Article 10 - County and Township Organizations
- ☆ Article 11 - Apportionment
- ☆ Article 12 - Finance and Taxation
- ☆ Article 13 - Corporations
- ☆ Article 14 - Agriculture
- ☆ Article 15 - Miscellaneous
- ☆ Article 16 - Amendments
- ☆ Article 17 - Elections
- ☆ Article 18 - Municipal Corporations Schedule

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Members

Under R.C. 103.63, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission is composed of 32 members - twelve legislative members and 20 public members. Three legislative members are appointed from each legislative caucus by their respective legislative leaders.

Not later than January 1, 2012, and every two years thereafter, the twelve general assembly members shall meet, organize, and elect two co-chairpersons, who shall be from different political parties. The members shall then, by majority vote, appoint twenty commission members, not from the general assembly.

All appointments shall end of the first day of January of every even-numbered year, and the commission shall then be re-created in the manner provided above. Members may be re-appointed. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

Legislative Members

- ☆ ● [Rep. William G. Batchelder](#), Speaker & Co-Chair
- ☆ ● [Rep. Vernon Sykes](#), Co-Chair
- ☆ ● [Rep. Ron Amstutz](#)
- ☆ ● [Sen. Capri Cafaro](#)
- ☆ ● [Rep. Kathleen Clyde](#)
- ☆ ● [Sen. Bill Coley](#)
- ☆ ● [Rep. Matt Huffman](#), Speaker Pro Tempore
- ☆ ● Rep. Dennis Murray
- ☆ ● [Sen. Larry Obhof](#), Senate Majority Whip
- ☆ ● [Sen. Bob Peterson](#)
- ☆ ● [Sen. Michael Skindell](#)
- ☆ ● [Sen. Charleta B. Tavares](#)

Public Members

- ☆ ● Janet Gilligan Abaray
- ☆ ● Herb Asher
- ☆ ● Roger L. Beckett
- ☆ ● Karla L. Bell
- ☆ ● Paula Brooks
- etc.

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Members

Speaker William Batchelder
Co-Chair and Legislative Member



- ☆ <http://www.ocmc.ohio.gov/ocmc/batchelder>
- ☆ <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/william-g-batchelder>
- ☆ Bill.Batchelder@ocmc.ohio.gov

Committees:

- ☆ • Organization and Administration
- ☆ • Constitutional Revisions and Updating
- ☆ • Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice

Biography:

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Members

Judith L. French
Public Member



- ☆ <http://www.ocmc.ohio.gov/ocmc/french>
- ☆ <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/SCO/justices/french/>
- ☆ Judith.French@ocmc.ohio.gov

Committees:

- ☆ • Public Education and Information
- ☆ • Bill of Rights & Voting
- ☆ • Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice

Biography:

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Committees

Full Commission

- ☆ OCMC

Standing

- ☆ Organization and Administration Committee
- ☆ Public Education and Information Committee
- ☆ Liaison with Public Offices Committee
- ☆ Coordinating Committee

Subject-Matter

- ☆ Bill of Rights & Voting
- ☆ Legislative Branch and Executive Branch
- ☆ Constitutional Revisions & Updating
- ☆ Finance, Taxation & Economic Development
- ☆ Education, Public Institutions & Miscellaneous and Local Government
- ☆ Judicial Branch & the Administration of Justice

☆ OCMC Committees list - as of July 10, 2013 (.pdf)

To receive notices of future Commission and Committee meetings, please join any of these mailing lists by completing this form and clicking "Subscribe". Each mailing list will send you a confirmation email. Reply to each of these emails by following the instructions in the email.

Mailing List Subscription Form

*First Name: *Last Name: Address:
 City: State: Zip Code:
 Phone Number: *Email Address:

Choose From These Lists

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Subject Matter Committees</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> OCMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization and Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill of Rights & Voting
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Education and Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch and Executive Branch
	<input type="checkbox"/> Liaisons with Public Offices	<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Revisions & Updating
	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Taxation & Economic Development
		<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Public Institutions & Miscellaneous and Local Government
		<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Branch & the Administration of Justice Committee

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Committees - OCMC

Full Commission

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Meeting Materials:

- February 16, 2012 Meeting
 - ☆ • Agenda
 - ☆ • Colloquium Planning Committee Member Bios
 - ☆ • Minutes
- December 28, 2011 Meeting
 - ☆ • Meeting Agenda
 - ☆ • Statute
 - ☆ • Excerpt from 1970s Commission Final Report
 - ☆ • Constitutional Modernization Colloquium Steering Committee Mission Statement

All materials related to the Commission as a whole will appear on this page

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Committees - Organization and Administration

Standing Committee

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Members:

- ☆ • Douglas Cole, Chair
- ☆ • Joseph Rugola, Vice Chair
- ☆ • Speaker William Batchelder
- ☆ • Paula Brooks
- ☆ • Senator Capri Cafaro
- ☆ • Representative Kathleen Clyde
- ☆ • Charles Kurfess
- ☆ • Richard Walinski

Meeting Materials:

- July 10, 2013 Meeting
 - ☆ • Meeting Notice
 - ☆ • Meeting Agenda
 - ☆ • Report
 - ☆ • Draft Budget

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Committees - Judicial Branch and the Administration of Justice

Subject-Matter Committee

Topics:

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- ☆ • Janet Abaray, Chair
- ☆ • Patrick Fischer, Vice Chair
- ☆ • Speaker William Batchelder
- ☆ • Judith French
- ☆ • Charles Kurfess
- ☆ • Dennis Mulvihill
- ☆ • Representative Dennis Murray
- ☆ • Senator Larry Obhof
- ☆ • Richard Saphire
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Submit Your Ideas

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission welcomes and encourages ongoing feedback from the public. If you have an idea or request to submit to the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission regarding changes to the Ohio Constitution, please complete the form below. For administrative purposes, we ask that each submission be limited to one topic. If you would like to submit ideas on multiple topics, please submit them separately according to subject matter. Please be informed that submissions to the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission are subject to public records disclosure pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 149.43. Thank you for your input!

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FAQs

What is the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission?

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Where did the Idea for this Commission come from?

The Commission is modeled after the 1970s Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission, whose published recommendations may be accessed at <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/ocrc/>.

How many members serve on the Commission?

The Commission is comprised of 32 members.

How are members of the Commission Selected?

12 members are appointed from the General Assembly:

- Three by the President of the Senate
- Three by the Minority Leader of the Senate
- Three by the Speaker of the House
- Three by the Minority Leader of the House

The other 20 members are appointed by majority vote of the 12 legislative members. These members are to be from the public and not the General Assembly.

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Recommendations:

1. Delete the Materials page and relocate existing content to the Committees menu page, the OCMC Commission Committee page, or the appropriate individual Committee page
2. Relocate existing content on the News & Updates page to the Committees menu page, the OCMC Commission Committee page or, the appropriate individual Committee page - use this page to post materials of general interest, running list of upcoming (not past) meetings, and urgent communications - for example, retain the Executive Director Search and Job Description postings on this page
3. Delete the Contacts page - with the new individual Committee pages and member bio pages, contents of the existing page will be redundant

Things to know:

1. OCMC will provide text and photos of each member.
2. OCMC will provide full listing of all Meeting Materials for the individual committee pages as well as any documents not currently on the site
3. All member email addresses will be for their OCMC email account.
4. Pages will be constructed in static HTML in anticipation of a site redesign upon hiring of OCMC staff
5. Ongoing maintenance of all pages will be provided by LIS until such time as a more robust admin site is developed
6. All pages will have the same banner, menu and footer.
7. Materials on the Committee pages will be presented in reverse chronological order of the meeting date
8. For purposes of this document, the red star "★" indicates the text immediately following will be a link
9. A search of the Constitution database (oracle schema = con) as well as a section-by-section drilldown will be provided.
10. No changes are anticipated for these existing pages:
 - A. About
 - B. Submit Your Ideas