

CRC REPORT

There is currently a total of 36 proposals that have been voted favorably in committee and are ready to be heard and voted on by the full CRC during the CRC Session. All other proposals have either been voted unfavorably in committee, laid on table, or withdrawn from consideration. Out of the 36 proposals, 6 proposals have the potential to impact municipal governments. The purpose of these CRC updates is to inform you of any movement of these proposals.

Background Information on the CRC:

In 1968, Florida became the only state that allows for its state constitution to be revisited and changed through a regularly scheduled commission called the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). The CRC, which meets every 20 years, is a group of 37 commissioners who examine the relevance and applicability of Florida's Constitution to current and future needs. [Article XI, Section 2](#) of the Florida Constitution outlines the creation of the CRC: Within 30 days of the convening of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session (March 7, 2017), the Constitution Revision Commission shall be established. It shall be composed of the Attorney General, 15 members selected by the Governor, 9 members selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 9 members selected by the President of the Senate, and 3 members selected by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Governor designates the chair. Each CRC shall convene at the call of the chair, adopt its own rules of procedure, examine the constitution, hold public hearings, and file its proposals, if any, with the Secretary of State.

Monday, March 19, 2018

The Constitution Revision Commission kicks off a series of meetings of the full commission at 10 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

The Constitution Revision Commission convenes at 9 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

The Style and Drafting Committee of the Constitution Revision Commission is allotted time to meet at 5:15 p.m. in room 412 of the Knott Building.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

The Constitution Revision Commission continues its week of meetings at 9 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

The Constitution Revision Commission's Style and Drafting Committee meets at 5:15 p.m. in room 412 of the Knott Building.

Thursday, March 22, 2018

The Constitution Revision Commission meets at 9 a.m. in the Senate Chamber. A meeting of the Style and Drafting Committee will follow at 5:15 p.m. in room 412 of the Knott Building.

Friday, March 23, 2018

The Constitution Revision Commission ends the week with another meeting at 9 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Priority CRC Proposals

Proposal 72 – Voting Requirements for New Taxes

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Provides no state tax or fee may be imposed, authorized or raised by the Legislature, or authorized by the Legislature to be raised, except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature. The proposal requires that any proposed state tax or fee imposition, authorization or increase must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject. The proposal also specifies that the proposed amendment does not authorize the imposition of any state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the state constitution, and does not apply to any tax or fee imposed by, or authorized to be imposed by, a county, municipality, school board or special district. Proposal 72 passed the Finance and Taxation Committee and is awaiting a final vote by the CRC.

Proposal 49 – Death Benefits of First Responders and Military

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Establishes death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders and military members. Under this proposal, a death benefit shall be paid by the employing agency when a specific first responder, including a

firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician or a law enforcement officer, while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, is accidentally killed, receives accidental bodily injury that results in the loss of the individual's life, is unlawfully and intentionally killed, dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act, or is killed during active duty. The proposal does not specify or define "death benefit." The proposal requires payments be paid to a designated beneficiary or, if no such designation has been made, to the surviving children and spouse, surviving parents or the first responder's estate. Payments made pursuant to this proposal are in addition to any workers' compensation or pension benefits. The proposal establishes a similar benefit for active duty members of the U.S. armed forces and the Florida National Guard. Proposal 49 passed both committees of reference, General Provisions and Finance and Taxation, and is now ready for action by the full CRC.

Proposal 39 – Lobbying Restrictions for State & Local Officials

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Establishes prohibitions on lobbying by state and local officials following a term of office and establishes restrictions on lobbying by state and local officials during a term of office. The proposed amendment prohibits county officers, school board members, school superintendents, elected municipal officers and elected officers of specified special districts from paid lobbying: (1) before the officers' former agency or governing body for a period of six years following vacating office; and (2) before any federal agency, the Legislature, state government agency (except judicial tribunals) or any political subdivision of the state during the term of office. The proposal would not prohibit any public officer or employee from representing his or her agency before any other governmental entity in the normal course of duties. The proposed amendment also expands existing lobbying restrictions on legislators, statewide elected officers, executive agency heads and members of the judicial branch to include the six-year restriction. CS/Proposal 39 was found favorable by the Ethics and Election Committee. It will be next considered by the General Provisions Committee.

Proposal 91 – Oil Drilling in Coastal Waters

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Prohibits oil drilling for exploration and extraction in coastal waters between the mean high tide line and the outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. Proposal 91 is self-executing (does not require legislative implementation). Proposal 91 passed the General Provisions Committee and will now be referenced to the Declaration of Rights Committee.

Proposal 37 – Naming of Public Facilities

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Prohibits the naming of public buildings, programs or other facilities after municipal, county or state elected officials, unless the elected state or local official has vacated the public office. The proposal also requires that any law or ordinance naming a building, facility, tract of land or program after a former elected official may not contain provisions on any other subject. Proposal 37 passed favorably in the Local Government Committee and is ready to be heard by the full CRC.

Proposal 65 – Vaping in Indoor Workplaces

UPDATE: Placed on Special Order Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

Establishes a general prohibition on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in enclosed indoor workplaces. The proposal clarifies that local governments can adopt more restrictive regulations on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices if they so choose. Proposal 65 was heard in the General Provisions Committee and passed favorably. Proposal 65 is now awaiting a vote by the full CRC.