

Chapter 103: LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

103.61 Ohio constitutional modernization commission.

The members of the Ohio constitutional modernization commission shall meet for the purpose of: (A) Studying the Constitution of Ohio; (B) Promoting an exchange of experiences and suggestions respecting desired changes in the Constitution; (C) Considering the problems pertaining to the amendment of the Constitution; (D) Making recommendations from time to time to the general assembly for the amendment of the Constitution. A commission recommendation is void unless it receives a two-thirds vote of the membership of the commission. Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.

103.62 Report to general assembly.

In the event of a call for a constitutional convention, the Ohio constitutional modernization commission shall report to the general assembly its recommendations with respect to the organization of a convention, and report to the convention its recommendations with respect to amendment of the Constitution.

Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.

103.63 Establishment; members; compensation.

There is established an Ohio constitutional modernization commission consisting of thirty-two members. Twelve members shall be appointed from the general assembly as follows: three by the president of the senate, three by the minority leader of the senate, three by the speaker of the house of representatives, and three by the minority leader of the house of representatives. 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 on 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 reappointed. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but each member shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaging in the performance of the member's official duties. Membership on the commission does not constitute holding another public office. The joint legislative ethics committee is the appropriate ethics commission as described in division (F) of section 102.01 of the Revised Code for matters relating to the public members appointed to the Ohio constitutional modernization commission. Amended by 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 1, eff. 7/3/2012. Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 8. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 7. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 6. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 5. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 4. See 129th General Assembly File No. 94, SB 208, § 3.

103.64 Receipt of and disbursement of funds; annual report.

The Ohio constitutional modernization commission may receive appropriations and grants, gifts, bequests, and devises and may expend any funds received in such a manner for the purpose of reimbursing members for actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in official duties, or for the purpose of meeting expenses incurred in any special research or study relating to the Constitution of Ohio. The commission shall file annually with the auditor of state, on or before the fifteenth day of March, a full report of all grants, gifts, bequests, and devises received during the preceding calendar year, stating the date when each was received and the purpose for which the funds received therefrom were expended.

Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.

103.65 Staff.

The Ohio constitutional modernization commission may employ professional, technical, and clerical employees as may be required successfully and efficiently to carry out the purposes of the commission. Funds for the compensation and reimbursement of employees shall be paid from the state treasury out of funds appropriated for the purpose. All disbursements of the commission shall be by voucher approved by one of the co-chairpersons of the commission. Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.

103.66 Timing of reports.

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.

Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.

103.67 Expiration of commission.

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.

Added by 129th General Assembly File No. 41, HB 188, § 1, eff. 10/17/2011.