

**BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE: OUTLINE FOR REVIEW
DRAFT DATE 10/30/13**

I. OVERVIEW OF OTHER STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTS

- what else do they include?
- what do they eliminate?
- do they suggest "best practices" worth considering?

Time estimate: two meetings

II. REVIEW OF OHIO PROVISIONS:

- A. TIER I: Provisions that appear to be non-controversial and, therefore, may not require receipt of testimony.

From Article I:

Section 2: Special Privileges
Section 6: Slavery and Involuntary Servitude
Section 13: Quartering of Troops
Section 17: Heredity Privileges
Section 20: Powers reserved to the people

From Article V:

Section 8: Term Limits for U.S. Senators and Representatives
(superceded by *U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779
(1995)(holding that states may not set term limits for members
of Congress))

Time estimate: one meeting

- B. TIER II: Provisions that appear to require some reflection and possible explanation or revision. Each of these topics may require one or more meetings for review and testimony.

From Article I:

Section 2: Inherent Power/Equal Protection
Section 3: Right to Assemble and Petition
Section 4: Right to Bear Arms
Section 7: Rights of Conscience; No Religious Test

From Article V:

Section 6: Idiots or Insane Persons

Time estimate: six meetings

- C. TIER III: Provisions that appear already to have proponents of change. Each topic will require more than one meeting for review and testimony.

From Article I:

Section 19: Inviolability of Private Property (Takings)

Section 21: Preservation of Freedom to Choose Health Care

Time estimate: three meetings

- D. TIER IV: Provisions relating to voting rights. Some may require coordination with other committees, e.g., Judicial Branch.

From Article V:

Section 1: Who May Vote

Section 2: By Ballot

Section 2a: Names of Candidates on Ballot

Section 4: Exclusion From Franchise

Section 7: Primary Elections

Section 9: Eligibility of Office Holders

From Article XVII:

Section 1: Time For Holding Elections; Terms of Office

Time estimate: five meetings

III. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

This will include any draft provisions resulting from the committee's review of other Constitutions.

For example:

- should the Ohio Constitution include an explicit "right to privacy"?
- should the Constitution include provisions concerning "voting administration"?
- consideration of proposals submitted by public.

Time estimate: four meetings

IV. GENERAL OR ASPIRATIONAL PROVISIONS.

Each provision will require thoughtful reflection and possible redrafting, which will be easiest toward the end of the process.

From Article I:

Preamble

Section 1: Inalienable Rights

Section 2: Right to Alter Government

Time estimate: two meetings

V. DRAFTING REPORT

Time estimate: two meetings