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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Recommendations from Committee Structure and Topics

1. Committee Structure: Recommend using the outline of the 1970-1977 Constitutional Revision Commission committee structure
 - a. Standing Committees:
 - i. Organization and Administration: budgeting, staffing, ethics and procedural rules; recommendations to the Commission as a whole for new members, as Commission members leave the Commission
 - ii. Public Education and Information: public information and education of the citizens of Ohio on the Commission and its proposals, if any
 - iii. Liaison with Public Offices: public information and relations with any and all public offices reasonably affected, if at all, by a Commission proposal
 - iv. Subject Matter: to assign subject areas of the Ohio Constitution and proposals to various Subject – Matter Subcommittees, based upon the subject areas of the applicable subcommittees; and to ensure that the subcommittees move forward on a timely basis with responses and viewpoints on proposals
 - b. Subject Matter Subcommittees
 - i. Bill of Rights
 - ii. Elections and Apportionment
 - iii. Finances and Taxation
 - iv. Judiciary Branch and Justice System
 - v. Legislative Branch
 - vi. Executive Branch
 - vii. Local Government
 - viii. Amendments, Initiatives and Other Clarifications
2. Subject Matter Standing Committee should not be a super “oversight” committee, except to the extent to make sure the subcommittees are moving forward.
3. Subject Matter Standing Committee should require a simple report from each subcommittee within a timeframe of 90-120 days to prevent burying of specific proposals.
4. Standing committees and subcommittees should have the same ratio of public members and legislative members as the full Commission.
5. Co-Chairs should assign duties and membership to the committees and subcommittees.

Items for Discussion from Committee Structure and Topics

1. Should the Commission aim for a systematic review of the Constitution similar to the 1970's Commission or does the Commission want to focus on particular problems/issues?
2. Will the standing committees and subcommittees have meetings around Ohio?