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Constitutional Revision Commission

The Constitution Revision Commission's top committee finished its work yesterday, sending 12 proposed measures to the full commission. These proposals will be heard later this month and will require the support of 22 of the 37 members of the commission to make it on the ballot. Sixty percent of voters then need to approve them to become law.

Here are the 12 proposals:

Proposed Committee Proposal 6001: Spells out victims' rights in the state constitution, which currently includes rights only for those accused of a crime; increases retirement age for judges from 70 to 75; no longer allows courts to defer to the state administration's position when ruling on state laws or rules.

PCP 6002: Requires that a public university that wants to raise a fee get nine votes from its board of trustees, and 12 votes from the state Board of Governors; recognizes the state college system in the constitution; offers death benefits and education benefits to certain first responders and military members who die while performing official duties.

PCP 6003: Limits school board terms to eight years; requires that the Legislature promote civic literacy in education; gives the Legislature authority to certify charter schools.

PCP 6004: Places an oil drilling ban in state constitution; creates an indoor vaping ban.

PCP 6005: Makes even-year legislative sessions begin in January; places the Office of Domestic Security in the state constitution; requires counties vote for all constitutional offices; places the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the constitution.

PCP 6006: Removes from the constitution obsolete language that made it more difficult for Asian-Americans to purchase land; deletes language tied to a repealed provision that mandates the state develop high-speed rail.

PCP 6007: Implements a series of ethics reforms, including expanding the state lobbying ban from two to six years.

PCP 6008: Requires the Legislature to create a process where high-performing school districts can qualify as a charter district.

PCP 6009: Closes the "write-in loophole," which allows a — often recruited — write-in candidate to file and close a race's primary, which generally favors the incumbent.

PCP 6010: Places the E-Verify employment verification system in the state constitution.

PCP 6011: Bans naming things like public buildings or government programs after an official still in office.

PCP 6012: Places a ban on greyhound racing in the state constitution.