

Revision of Florida's Constitution, the basic definition of our rights, has been one of my principal objectives since entering public service.

From 1946 to 1949
 In ~~1946-49~~ I served on the ^{group who} Committee of the Florida Bar for the revision of the Constitution.

In 1949, I became one of the charter members of the Citizens Constitution Committee -- a ~~committee that~~ ^{group who} has done more to arouse public interest and stimulate study for the purpose of securing constitutional revision than any other agency in Florida.

During my legislative career, I have frequently and successfully sponsored revision of major articles of the Constitution, including the development of a new method for so-revising the Constitution.

Constitutional revision is the prime requisite to governmental reform. It should be achieved by the submission of a complete revision to the Legislature, so designed as to be adaptable to article-by-article adoption. It ~~should~~ ^{should} be based upon further study by representative citizens' committees, and designed to correct the mistakes revealed by past experiences. The language of the Constitution should be meaningful ~~to~~ ^{to} every layman, yet comprehensive enough for any court.

In drawing a new Constitution
~~As we draw a new Constitution~~ we must achieve a ^{modernization} of our governmental structure, as ⁱⁿ reorganization of trial courts and the extension of Home Rule, but we must be careful to preserve the values made precious to us in the Bill of Rights and the guarantee of Homestead Exemption. We must continually re-affirm our determination to maintain the sovereign rights of the State of Florida in those areas reserved to it by the Federal Constitution.

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