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Agency History
The creation of the California Constitutional Revision Commission can be found in actions and recommendations on two separate but related fronts. In 1959 the Legislature directed the Citizens' Legislative Advisory Commission to study the techniques and procedures necessary to secure a revision of the State Constitutions (Assembly, House Resolution No. 278, 1959 Regular Session). The Commission's final report recommended that Article XVIII of the California Constitution be amended to permit the Legislature to submit to the people a revised constitution, or a revision of any part, and that a commission be established by statute to make recommendations for a total or partial revision.

The Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments also undertook an examination of the need for constitutional reform. The Committee's 1960 report to the Legislature also recommended the need of fundamenta revision. Acting on these recommendations the Legislature in 1961 adopted Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 14 (Stats. 1961, Res. ch. 222). The measure proposed on amendment to Article XVIII to authorize the Legislature to act, in effect, as a constitutional convention by allowing it to submit proposals for revision of the Constitution to the voters. The amendment, Proposition 7 on the November, 1962 ballot, was approve by a margin of 2 to 1.
To implement Proposition 7 the Legislature adopted in the following year Assembly Concurrent Resolutions No. 77 and No. 7 (Stats. 1963, Res. ch. 181 and Stats. 1963, 1st Ex. Sess., Res. ch. 7). The resolutions called for the creation of a Constitutional Revision Commission, under the auspices of and appointed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization, composed of not less than 25 nor more than 50 citizen members, and 6 legislative members. Subsequent legislation increased the number of citizen members and extended the existence of the Commission to an indefinite period. The Commission continued to meet through 1970. Implementation of Commission recommendations continued through 1974 with the submission of several proposed constitutional amendments appearing on the ballot for the November general election.

The papers of the Constitutional Revision Commission, comprising some 20 cubic feet, are arranged in 5 series: Meeting Files, including transcripts and minutes of full Commission meetings and minutes of Article Committee meetings; Article Committee Files, documentation relating to their activities and recommendations; Administrative Files, documentation relating to the activities of the Commission’s staff; Personnel Files, largely biographical data on Commission and Staff members and their selection and/or appointment; and Legislative Files, legislative activities relative to Commission recommendations and the placing of said proposals on the ballot for submission to the electorate. Additional detail on each of the series is provided below. Tables I-IV are added to provide greater detail on meeting dates and materials available.

- Table I: Transcripts of Meetings
- Table II: Minutes of Meetings
- Table III: Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings
- Table IV: Minutes of Article Committee Meetings

1. MEETING FILES

Scope and Content Note

Agendas; transcripts of full Commission meetings (dictabelts, rough and edited drafts); minutes of full Commission; minutes of Article Committee meetings, minutes of Executive Committee meetings; roll calls of votes; attendance records; correspondence and memos regarding meeting preparations; new releases; miscellaneous Commission and staff working papers and data (Note: dates in parantheses () signify the absence of transcripts for that date. The absence of some transcripts is explained by reason that the full Commission met on only one of the two or three-day meeting).

Table I: Constitutional Revision Commission, Transcripts of Meetings

1964

Feb. 20-21
April 7-8 (missing)
June 4-5
July 31 (CRC and Jt. Comm. on Legislative Organization)
Sept. 17-18
Nov. 5-7 (CRC and Jt. Comm. on Legislative Organization)
Dec. 11-12

1965

Feb. 4-5
March 4-6
April 1-2
May 7
June 3-4 (missing)
July 28-29 (missing)
Oct. 14-15 (missing)
Nov. 14-15 Sept. 10
Dec. 2-3
Dec. 16 (possibly note transcribed)

1966

Jan. 6
Feb. 21 (untranscribed tape)
July 14-15
1. MEETING FILES

Table I: Inventory of the Constitutional Revision Commission Records, 1964-1972

1967
- Jan. 12-13
- Feb. 16-17
- March 30-31
- June 8-9
- July 13-14
- Aug. 24-25
- Sept. 14-15
- Oct. 12-13
- Nov. 16-17
- Dec. 7-8

1968
- May 24
- June 27
- Aug. 1-(2)
- Sept. 5-(6)
- Oct. 24-25
- Nov. 21-(22)

1969
- Jan. 9-10
- Feb. 13-14
- March 27-28
- May 1-2
- June 5-6
- July 23-25
- Aug. 20-22
- Sept. 24-26
- Oct. 22-24
- Nov. 19-21
- Dec. 10-12

1970
- Jan. 15-16
- Feb. 18-20
- March 18-20
- April 16-17
- May 14-15
- June 4-5
- July 23-24
- Aug. 27-28
- Oct. 8-9
- Dec. 3

1972
- Dec. 7

Table II: Minutes of Commission Meetings

1964
- Feb. 20-21 (includes minutes of Committee on Restrictive Legislation and Crimes of The Citizens Commission on Constitutional Revision)
- March 5 (minutes of Joint Committee on Legislative Organization meeting)
- April 7-8
- June 4-5
- July 30-31
- Sept. 16-18
- Nov. 5-7
- Dec. 10-12

1965
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Table III: Minutes Of Executive Committee
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Inventory of the Constitutional Revision Commission Records, 1964-1972

1964
June 3
July 30
Sept. 16-18
Nov. 5-7
Dec. 10-12

1965
Jan. 7
Nov. 17-18

1966
Feb. 11
July 9, 14-15
Sept. 15
Dec. 1

Table IV: Article Committee Minutes

Article I
Aug. 27, 1969
Oct. 22-24, 1969
Nov. 21, 1969
Dec. 10-12, 1969
Jan. 16, 1970
March 20, 1970
April 16, 1970
May 14-15, 1970
June 4-5, 1970

Article II
June 27-28, 1968
Aug. 1-2, 1968
Sept. 5-6, 1968
Oct. 23-24, 1968

Article III
May 6, 1965

Article IV
June 4-5, 1964
July 30
Sept. 18, 1964
Nov. 5-6, 1964
Dec. 10-12, 1964

Article V
May 6, 1965

Article VI
July 30, 1964
Sept. 18, 1964
Oct. 17, 1964
Nov. 5-6, 1964
Dec. 10, 1964
Feb. 12, 1965
March 4, 1965
April 22, 1965
May 6, 1965
July 9, 1965
Sept. 3, 1965
Oct. 29-30, 1965

Article IX
Oct. 20-21, 1966
Dec. 1-2, 1966
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Feb. 16-17, 1967
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Aug. 22, 1969
Sept. 26, 1969
Oct. 22-24, 1969
Nov. 19-21, 1969
Dec. 10-12, 1969

Article XXXIV
June 27, 1968
Aug. 1-2, 1968
Sept. 5-6, 1968

2. ARTICLE COMMITTEE FILES

Scope and Content Note
The basic work of constitutional revision was carried out on a Article by Article basis. For each Article under study a separate Article Committee was appointed by the Commission. The Article Committee first studied one or more background studies which included analyses of the provisions of the Article being considered, relevant sections of other Articles, relevant constitutional provisions in other state constitutions, and other source materials. Article committees reported their recommendations to the full Commission for consideration. After studying an Article in detail the Commission adopted recommendations for revision of both the substance and language of the Article.

Article Committee files are arranged in the following order. For unique records and data refer to the more detailed description of individual Article Committee files which follow.

- Background materials
- Background studies and supplements
- Correspondence
- Drafts
- Drafting Committee
- Legislation (see also Legislative Files)
- Memorandum
- Miscellaneous
- Reports
- Working papers

Miscellaneous
Physical Description: (2f).
Scope and Content Note
Article Committee assignments; background studies, status reports

Article I Committee (Declaration of Rights)
Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-4; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Reports, 1969-70

Article II Committee (Elections and Suffrage)
Physical Description: (6f).
Scope and Content Note
Background materials; Background studies 1-4; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Reports, 1965-69

Article III Committee (Separation of Powers)
Physical Description: (2f).
Scope and Content Note
Background study, Reports and recommendations; Corr., 1965
Article IV Committee (Legislature)
Physical Description: (30f).
Scope and Content Note
Corr.; Drafts 1-8; Drafting Committee; Legislation; Miscellaneous - staff drafts, comments and recommendations; Reports; Subject files on various sections requiring special study, 1964-69

Article V Committee (Executive Powers)
Physical Description: (6f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-4; Comments (misc.); Corr.; Reports, 1965-66

Article VI Committee (Judicial Articles)
Physical Description: (20f).
Scope and Content Note
Background materials; Corr., including corr. with County Clerks and Judges regarding reactions to Article Committee proposals; Drafts; Legislative Counsel opinions; Miscellaneous; Reports; Special subject files, including comments by attorneys, the Judicial Counsel, and generally, 1964-71

Articles VII-VIII: No committees established.

Article IX Committee (Higher Education)
Physical Description: (14f).
Scope and Content Note
Background materials; Background studies and supplements; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Legislative Counsel opinions; Memorandum; Reports, 1965-70

Article X Committee (State Institutions and Public Buildings)
Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-4; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Miscellaneous, 1965-70

Article XI Committee (Local Government)
Physical Description: (15f).
Scope and Content Note
Background study and supplements 1-9; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Mailing lists; Memorandum; Miscellaneous; Working Papers, 1967-71

Article XII Committee (Corporations and Public Utilities)
Physical Description: (13f).
Scope and Content Note
Background study and summary; supplements 1-9; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Miscellaneous; Report; Working Papers, 1965-70

Article XIII Committee (Revenue and Taxation)
Physical Description: (29f).
Scope and Content Note
Background materials; Background studies 1-11, including topic files which contain comments and other data pertaining to sections (Topics) under study; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Legislative Counsel's opinions; Memorandum; Miscellaneous; Newspaper clippings; Reports 1-3, 1968-72
Article XIV Committee (Water and Water Rights)

Physical Description: (4f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-2; Corr.; Memorandum; Report, 1968-69

Article XV Committee (Harbor Frontages)

Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-2; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Report 1968-69

Article XVI Committee (State Indebtedness)

Physical Description: (9f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-6; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum, Reports 1-7 and Special Report to Assembly Comm. on Elections and Constitutional Amendments (May 21, 1970); Research (background materials); Working papers, 1969-71

Article XVII Committee (Land Ownership)

Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-4, misc. corr. and memos, and summary of recommendations, 1966-67

Article XVIII Committee (Amending and Revising the Constitution)

Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-7; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Reports, 1966-67

Article XIX: Repealed November 4, 1952.

Article XX Committee (Miscellaneous)

Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-6; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Minority Report; Special Report to Assembly Comm. on Elections and Constitutional Amendments (May 21, 1970); Working Papers, 1968-70 (7f). Article XX Committee was divided into Article Committee XX A and XX B. See below.

Article XX A Committee (Miscellaneous)

Physical Description: (7f).
Scope and Content Note
Corr.; Memorandum; Miscellaneous; Reports 1-3, 1968-70

Article XX B Committee (Miscellaneous)

Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Corr.; Memos, Drafting Committee, Reports 1-2, 1968-70

Article XXI Committee (State Boundaries)

Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-2, Misc. Corr., Memos, Drafting Committee, 1966-69
Article XXII Committee (Schedule)
Physical Description: (1 doc).
Scope and Content Note
Background study; 1970

Article XXIII Committee (Recall)
Physical Description: (2f).
Scope and Content Note
Background study; Corr.; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Report; Working Papers, 1968-69

Article XXIV Committee (Civil Service)
Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Corr.; Drafts 1-8; Drafting Committee; Miscellaneous, Report, 1964-68

Article XXV: Repealed November 8, 1949.

Article XXVI Committee (Motor Vehicle Taxation and Revenue)
Physical Description: (8f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-2; Corr; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Report; Working Papers, 1968-70

Article XXVII Committee (Old Age Security)
Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Background studies 1-2; Corr., 1966-68

Article XXVIII Committee (Open Space Conservation)
Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Misc. memorandum, 1967-70

Article XXXIV Committee (Public Housing Projects)
Physical Description: (8f).
Scope and Content Note
Background study; Corr.; Court Cases; Drafting Committee; Memorandum; Report; Working Papers, 1965-70

Drafting Committee
Physical Description: (2f).
Scope and Content Note
Memos regarding Drafting Comm. meetings, activities; drafts and reports including more than one Article Committee, 1964-71
3. ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, memorandum, reports, press releases, newspaper clippings, research materials and data. The administrative files document, to a limited extent, the background, organization, and on going activities of the Constitutional Revision Commission. Most of the correspondence was received by or issued from the Special Counsel, the senior administrative staff member, or Bruce Summer, Chairman of the Commission from November 4, 1964. The records of the Article Committees should also be consulted since a large part of the Commission's activities were carried out at this level. Administrative files are arranged alphabetically by subject. Additional details as to subject content, where warranted, are provided below.

American Civil Liberties Union
Scope and Content Note
Misc. corr., 1968 (1f); Background materials - data on constitutional revision in other states, bibliography on state constitutional revision literature, papers, recommendations and reports of constitutional revision workshops, seminars, etc., 1960-67 (2f); Budget - drafts and data for annual budget recommendations as submitted to Jt. Comm. on Legislative Organization, 1963-67 (1f).

Citizens Legislative Advisory Commission
Scope and Content Note
1962 Final Report, misc. corr. and data regarding proposed membership on the Citizen's Advisory Commission, Subcommittee on Constitutional Revision, 1961-64 (1f); Code of Fundamental Laws Committee - report, 1964 (1f); Constitutional revision, history of, 1967-68 (1f); Constitutional revision in other states - correspondence, 1963-69 (1f); Correspondence - general, misc., office, and of John A Busterud, Special Consul, John A FitzRandolph, Commission Attorney, and John Randolph, Special Consul, 1964-72 (9f); Contracts - agreements for background and special studies, 1964-66 (1f); Council of State Governments - misc. corr., 1964 (1f).

Executive Committee
Scope and Content Note
Memos regarding meetings 1967-70 (1f); Future studies - misc. corr., 1966 (1f); Governor's Office - misc. corr., 1966-69 (1f).

Joint Rules Committee
Scope and Content Note
Misc. corr., 1969-73 (1f); Joint Committee on Legislative Organization - correspondence regarding committee activities, meetings, proposals, 1964, 67-71 (2f); League of Women Voters - correspondence regarding League's comments and views on Commission's proposals and recommendations, 1963-66 (1f); Legislative Counsel - opinions, analyses, and other data provided CRC; Little Hoover Commission - misc. corr., 1966 (1f); Los Angeles City Charter Commission - misc. corr., 1968 (1f).

Memorandum
Scope and Content Note
Commission, 1963-68 (1f); National Municipal League - misc. correspondence, 1964-66 (1f); National Conderence on Government - correspondence regarding Commission staff attendance and participation, 1964 (1f); Newspaper clippings regarding Commission activities, 1964-66 (1f); Newspaper lists - newspapers receiving Commission mailings m.d. (1f).
3. ADMINISTRATIVE FILES

Policy and procedures
Scope and Content Note
Commission, 1964-66 (1f); Press - correspondence, releases, 1963-71 (4f); Public Information Committee - minutes, correspondence, memos, 1965-69 (1f); Reorganization of Constitution-draft, 1971 (1f); Reports-progress, proposed revisions, third-phase, 1965-71 (7f).

Speakers
Scope and Content Note
Requests for, 1966 (1f); Speaking engagements - correspondence regarding, 1968 (1f); Speakers kit - background material for Commissioners speaking to promote passage of Constitutional Amendments on November 1968 ballot; Summer, Bruce W - misc. addresses by, 1966 (1f); Unruh, Jesse - misc. corr. to and addresses by, 1966-68 (1f).

4. PERSONNEL

Physical Description: (29f).
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, memos, and biographical data on Commission members and staff. Commissioner's files include correspondence regarding acceptances of appointments, resignations, and activities; attendance records at meetings; biographical data; nominees; and photographs. Staff files include data file on each individual and information regarding applicants for various staff positions, 1963-70

5. LEGISLATIVE FILES

Scope and Content Note
Includes the reports and data submitted to and hearings before Assembly Committees on Constitutional Amendments, (1966-68) and Elections and Constitutional Amendments, (1969-70). The legislative files are arranged chronologically in the order the propositions were submitted to the voters. The following list describes the various propositions as submitted for approval between November, 1966 and November, 1972.

NOTE: See also Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Assembly Elections and Constitutional Amendments committee files. Consult Agency Index, State Archives, under entry: Legislative-Assembly-Committees.

1966
Proposition 1A (ACA 13, Stats. 1966, 1st Ex. Sess., Res. Ch. 139), November, 1966: for repeal, amendment, and revision of Articles III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, relating to separation of powers, and to the legislative, executive, and judicial departments. Passed by vote of 4, 156,416 to 1,499,675.

1968
Proposition 1 (ACA 30, Stats. 1968, Res., Ch. 184), November, 1968: for repeal, amendment, and revision of Articles IX, X, XI, XII, XVII, XVIII, relating to education, state institutions, local government, corporations and public utilities, land and homestead exemption, amending the constitution, and civil service. Failed to pass by vote of 2,606,748 to 3,462,301.

1970
Proposition 4 (ACA 30, Stats. 1969, Res., Ch. 263), June, 1970: for repeal of provisions in Article X, XVII relating to state institutions and land and homestead exemption, and renumbering of provisions of Article XX relating to convict labor. Failed to pass by vote of 1,940,211 to 2,063,603.
1970
Proposition 5 (ACA 28, Stats. 1969, Res., Ch. 340), June, 1970: for revision of Articles XVIII and XXIV relating to legislative amendments to the Constitution and civil service. Failed to pass by a vote of 1,945,593 to 2,063,957.
Proposition 15 (ACA 65, Stats. 1970, Res., Ch. 189), November, 1970: for revision, amendment, and repeal of Article XX provisions relating to seat of government, separate property, hours of labor, minimum wages, sex discrimination, elections, terms of office, duels, etc. Passed by a vote of 3,008,478 to 2,084,421.
1972
Proposition 10 (SCA 6, Stats. 1972, Res., Ch. 6), June, 1972: for repeal of obsolete provisions from Articles X, XII, XIV, XVII, XXII. Passed by a vote of 3,384,238 to 1,762,483.
Proposition 6 (ACA 42, Stats. 1972, Res., Ch. 120), November, 1972: for creation of a new Article III relating to suffrage and elimination of certain provisions from Articles I & XX. Passed by vote of 4,855,713 to 2,503,627.
Proposition 7 (SCA 32, Stats. 1972, Res., Ch. 98), November, 1972: for repeal and amending of Article II provisions relating to primary elections for partisan offices, secret ballot, and other election practices to be defined by the Legislature. Passed by vote of 5,266,396 to 2,426,818.

Assembly Committees on Constitutional Amendments and Elections and Constitutional Amendments
Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, memos, reports, testimony, and data submitted to committee hearings on Commissions recommendations for revision of the Constitution, 1967-72

Records relating to Proposition 1A (1966)
Physical Description: (31f).
Scope and Content Note
Conforming drafts and corr. regarding final report on Articles III-VIII and XXIV; Special Session - Commissioners letters, general corr., presentations and accompanying data submitted in consideration of Article V, Legislative Counsel opinions, news releases, etc.; analyses of Prop. 1A; ballot arguments; campaign materials; endorsements; Legislative Counsel opinions; misc. corr.; news releases; opposition; press commentary; public information program; speaking engagements; speeches and speech materials; State Bar syllabus, 1966

Records relating to Proposition 1 (1968)
Physical Description: (13f).
Scope and Content Note
ACA 30; ballot arguments; ballot description; campaign materials; Commonwealth Club; correspondence; editorial endorsements and opposition; endorsements; press; Public Information Co-ordinator; summaries; Summar, Bruce W, 1968
Records relating to Propositions 2-5 (June, 1970)
Physical Description: (17f).
Scope and Content Note
Constitutional amendments and other legislation considered by Assembly Comm. on Elections and Constitutional Amendments; Propositions 2-5 - summaries, analyses, correspondence, amendments; ballot arguments; campaign correspondence; campaign materials; Citizens Committee for Propositions 2,3,4,5; endorsements; opposition; voter information pamphlet, 1969-70

Records relating to Propositions 14-17 (November, 1970)
Physical Description: (5f).
Scope and Content Note
Ballot arguments; campaign materials; public relations and press information, 1970

Records relating to Proposition 10 (June, 1972)
Physical Description: (1f).
Scope and Content Note
Miscellaneous campaign materials, 1972

Records relating to Propositions 6 & 7 (November, 1972)
Physical Description: (4f).
Scope and Content Note
Miscellaneous data on ACA's and companion bills; campaign materials, 1972