

# Constitution Revision Commission



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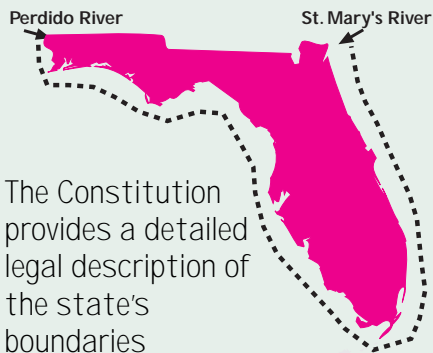
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## FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION FACTS

These are things found in the Florida Constitution

### STATE BOUNDARIES



The Constitution provides a detailed legal description of the state's boundaries






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## WHO APPOINTS THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Constitution provides that the governor appoints fifteen members, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate appoint 9, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints three members, and the attorney general automatically serves. See if you can match the pictures of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General to their names.

Match the pictures and the names:

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.  | a. Senate President Toni Jennings   |
| 2.  | b. Attorney General Bob Butterworth |
| 3.  | c. Governor Lawton Chiles           |
| 4.  | d. Chief Justice Gerald Kogan       |
| 5.  | e. House Speaker Daniel Webster     |

Answer Key: 1-c; 2-d; 3-a; 4-e; 5-b

# CONSTITUTION WORD SEARCH

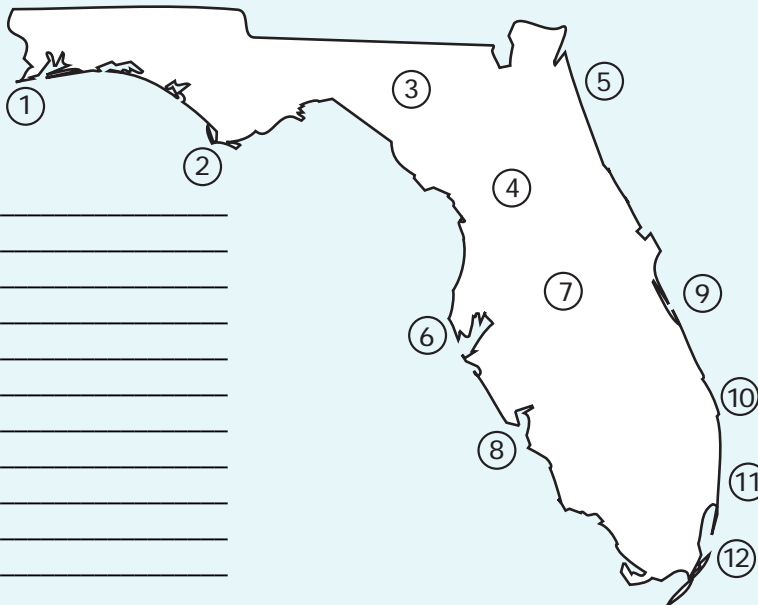
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 N S A E R I L E Y H A E U G  
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 T F L O T T E R Y S H Z C N  
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 V X C B N K G A L F W R Q T

The following words are found in Florida's Constitution. Find the words in the letter grid. Look up, down, forward, backward, upside-down, and diagonally.

- |          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| ■ RIGHTS | ■ JUDGES  | ■ FISHING |
| ■ COURTS | ■ BONDS   | ■ CABINET |
| ■ LAWS   | ■ LOTTERY | ■ PRESS   |
| ■ OATHS  | ■ FLAG    | ■ VOTING  |

Answer Key on Page 3

## IDENTIFY THE MEETING SITES OF THE COMMISSION



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer Key: 1-Pensacola; 2-Panama City; 3-Tallahassee; 4-Gainesville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville; Jacksonville

## FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION FACTS

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### SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

The Constitution designates Tallahassee as the Capital of Florida



### BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

- LEGISLATIVE
- JUDICIAL
- EXECUTIVE

### STATE SEAL



The Constitution provides for the state seal.

### STATE FLAG



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# FLORIDA FACTS!

The Constitution establishes the basic framework of government. The following are significant facts relating to the State of Florida. Many of these facts are established in Article II of the Constitution.

- **Total area** 58,560 sq. mi.
- **Total area, land** 54,252 sq. mi.
- **Total area, water** 4,308 sq. mi.
- **Total area, U.S. rank** 22nd
- **Length north/south** 447 mi.  
(St. Marys R. to Key West)
- **Width east/west** 361 mi.  
(Atlantic Ocean to Perdido R.)
- **Distance (by road) from Pensacola to Key West** 792 mi.
- **Highest natural point** 345' near Lakewood in n.e. Walton Co.
- **Geographic center** 12 mi. n.w. of Brooksville Hernando Co.
- **Coastline** 1,197 stat. mi.
- **Tidal shoreline (gen.)** 2,276 stat. mi.
- **Beaches** 663 mi.
- **Longest river/St. Johns** 273 mi.
- **Largest lake/Okeechobee** 700 sq. mi.
- **Largest Co./Palm Beach** 2,578 sq. mi.
- **Smallest Co./Union** 245 sq. mi.
- **# of lakes** about 7,700  
(greater than 10 acres)
- **# of 1st-magnitude springs** 27
- **# of islands** about 4,500  
(greater than 10 acres)
- **First permanent European settlement, St. Augustine** by Spain, 1565
- **U.S. Territory** 1821
- **Admitted to U.S. as 27th state** March 3, 1845
- **Capital** Tallahassee
- **Population 1990** 12,937,926  
(U. S. Rank/4th)
- **Population 1980** 9,739,992
- **Population growth rate 1980-90** 32.83%
- **Most populous metropolitan area 1990 — Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater** 2,067,959
- **Number of counties** 67
- **Form of government** - Governor and independent cabinet consisting of secretary of state, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of education
- **State sales tax** 6%
- **State income tax** None
- **Legislature** 120 house districts  
40 senate districts  
23 congressional districts

Source: Department of State Web page

## BACKGROUND – FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

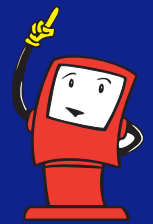
Florida has had six Constitutions since it became a state over 150 years ago. Florida's first Constitution was drafted in St. Joseph (now known as Port St. Joe located in Gulf County). Presently, Florida is governed by the Constitution of 1968. The Constitution provides the people of Florida with the basic framework for its government. The Constitution provides for a legislature, the courts, and the executive, also known as the branches of government.

Governor Lawton Chiles is the head of the Executive Branch. Chief Justice Gerald Kogan is the head of the Judicial Branch, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Daniel Webster and President of the Senate Toni Jennings together are the head of the legislative branch.

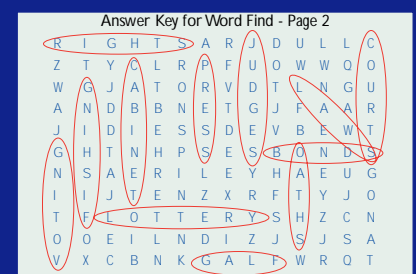
In addition to the branches of government, the Constitution addresses issues like taxes, the lottery, crime and punishment, the environment, and education. In fact, the Constitution specifically provides for our free public school system.

## CONSTITUTION QUIZ

1. Florida has had how many Constitutions?
  - a. 5
  - b. 6
  - c. 1
  - d. 2
2. Where was Florida's first Constitution signed?
  - a. Tampa
  - b. Grayton Beach
  - c. St. Joseph
  - d. Miami
3. Florida has how many branches of Government?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Three
  - d. Four
4. Who is the head of the Executive Branch?
  - a. Senate President Toni Jennings
  - b. Governor Lawton Chiles
  - c. House Speaker Daniel Webster
  - d. Dexter Douglass
5. What is the Capital of Florida?
  - a. Apalachicola
  - b. Two Egg
  - c. Tallahassee
  - d. Ebro
  - e. Sarasota
6. How many counties are in Florida?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Sixty-seven
  - d. Fifty



1-b; 2-c; 3-c; 4-b; 5-c; 6-c  
Answer Key



# Do You Know Your Counties?

Find and color the counties that are represented by each Commissioner. Some counties will be represented by more than one Commissioner.



## ALACHUA

Jon L. Mills

## BROWARD

Robert A Butterworth  
James A. Scott  
Paul West

## CITRUS

Paul M. Hawkes

## COLLIER

Pat Barton - *Alt.*

## DADE

Antonio L. Argiz  
Thomas H. Barkdull, Jr.  
Robert M. Brochin  
Ellen Catsman Freidin  
Carlos Planas  
Katherine Fernandez Rundle  
H.T. Smith  
Gerald T. Wetherington  
Stephen Neal Zack  
Ira Leesfield - *Alt.*  
Lyra Blizzard Logan - *Alt.*

## DUVAL

Ander Crenshaw

## GADSDEN

James Harold Thompson

## HILLSBOROUGH

Carlos J. Alfonso  
Frank Morsani  
Chris T. Sullivan

## LAKE

Dick Langley

## LEON

Dexter Douglass  
Martha Walters Barnett  
Kenneth L. Connor  
Gerald Kogan  
J. Stanley Marshall  
Robert Lowry Nabors  
Alan C. Sundberg

## NASSAU

Marilyn Evans-Jones

## OKALOOSA

Judith Byrne Riley

## ORANGE

Chris Corr  
Valerie W. Evans  
Toni Jennings  
John F. Lowndes  
Jacinta Mathis

## PALM BEACH

Clarence E. Anthony

## SARASOTA

Barbara Williams Ford-Coates

## VOLUSIA

William Clay Henderson