

Number	Constitutional Provision	Comments
General		
1		The State name should be changed.
2		There is not enough time to deliberate this, as the timeline is short.
3		The 1982 or 1987 constitutions already exist.
4		There are too many colonial provisions and too many provisions of the Home Rule Act.
5		What sort of resources are available to make public aware?
6		If we want democracy, we have to give democracy.
7		How will the State take over the National Guard?
8		Thanks for giving us something to work for.
9		Regarding partisan elections throughout, does a candidate need to win a party primary to get on the ballot?
10		The Elections agency should be created in the constitution.
11		US Citizenship should be required for all positions specified in the 1987 constitution, including the House of Delegates, Governor, CFO, Public Service Commissioners, and Zoning Commissioner.
12		Replace gendered pronouns throughout the document.
13		Will the ballot in November be one question or four?
14		This is not a legitimate constitutional convention to design the constitution.
15		Publicize the rules of how the days of the constitutional convention will operate.
16		A second draft of the constitution should be released.
17		This constitution will go down in history.
18		We should work collaboratively on community outreach.
19		We have met the three requirements for statehood by having sufficient land, population, and revenue.
20		Will the power come from the people?
21		We should have a republican form of government.
22		We should establish the borders and have the land from Virginia returned.
23		The Attorney General should have been made the head of the Legal Advisory Committee.
24		The constitution should include a Human Rights charter.
25		We should call Wards counties.
26		Pay caps should not be in a constitution, as it limits flexibility.
27		We should not let this opportunity pass us by, even if people have problems with the process or individual aspects of the constitution.
28		Elections should be publically financed.
29		There should be provisions for independent agencies.

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Preamble		
30		The Preamble should refer to a "representative form of government" instead of a "republican form of government."
Bill of Rights		
31	2nd	We shouldn't include the Second Amendment in our constitution.
32	2nd	The phrase "well-regulated militia" should eliminate ambiguities that might threaten reasonable gun laws.
33	7th	The end of Section VII should refer to "New Columbia law" rather than the rules of the common law.
34	10th	Strike "within its jurisdiction" from the text of the provision.
35	All	We should develop a separate Bill of Rights.
36	All	Include a right to privacy, similar to the California Constitution.
37	All	Should we have longer list of rights, similar to the 1982 constitution?
38	All	By incorporating the federal Bill of Rights, we will be beholden to federal interpretations of those provisions.
39	All	We could have a provision saying our courts can interpret law differently than the federal bill of rights.
40	All	Should we retain a bill of rights? What benefit will result?
Article I		
41	All	We should include mandatory staggered terms for members of the House of Delegates.
42	All	The House of Delegates should be able to consent to confirm agency heads.
43	All	We should not use the phrase "By Act" to clarify that actions by the House of Delegates require the Governor's signature or veto override.
44	All	We should clarify that the reservation of seats for the non-majority party has been removed.
45	All	Incorporate a legislative speech-and-debate clause into the constitution.
46	All	The length of legislative session should be constitutionalized, between 90 and 120 days.
47	Sec. 1	The House of Delegates should be authorized to create local government units.
48	Sec. 2	The number of Delegates is too small.
49	Sec. 2	Tie the number of delegates to the number of constituents represented.
50	Sec. 2	Clarify whether Speaker is elected in Presidential election years and if they are staggered with Governor.
51	Sec. 2	The legislature should be bicameral.
52	Sec. 2	The Council and the ANCs should become two chambers.
53	Sec. 2	There should be two chambers: an upper house based on proportional representation and a lower house based on geographical representation.
54	Sec. 2	Delegates should be elected by ranked choice/runoff voting in primaries and the top two candidates in the general election.

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55	Sec. 2	References to "on a partisan basis" should not refer to the requirement of non-majority legislators.
56	Sec. 2 & 4	It is not necessary to have various sections regarding the House of Delegate's powers, particularly regarding internal rules.
57	Sec. 2a	Councilmembers should be elected on a nonpartisan basis.
58	Sec. 2a	There should be no at large delegates.
59	Sec. 2d	The phrase "action that amounts to a gross failure to meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct" may be too vague and should be clarified.
60	Sec. 2e	There should be interim appointment or other provisions for vacancies in the House.
61	Sec. 2e	There is too much detail, suitable for legislation, for vacancies in the House.
62	Sec. 2e	Vacancy provisions for the Governor, Attorney General, at-large members, and district members should be the same.
63	Sec. 2e	Vacancies should be fixed with clear lines of succession and alternates rather than special elections and party committees.
64	Sec. 2e	Vacancies should be fixed by a special election within 60 days rather than by the party committees.
65	Sec. 2e1	The word "District" should not be capitalized in the first sentence.
66	Sec. 2e2	References to a party's "central committee" is presumptive, and they should not pick successors.
67	Sec. 3	We should use only domicile, not residence.
68	Sec. 3	Why are there exceptions for political convention delegates?
69	Sec. 3	Is it okay to be in the military reserves but not to be called up for 30 days?
70	Sec. 3	What happens regarding employment for a temporary speaker?
71	Sec. 3	The Delegates should have a term limit, with suggestions ranging from 2 to 5 terms.
72	Sec. 3a3	Delegates should have at least a 4 year residency requirement.
73		The residency requirements may not be fair and may prevent some people from serving. Perhaps they could say "lived in the state for at least a year of accumulated time in the last 10 years or 5 years" to accommodate people whose job takes them out of state frequently.
74	Sec. 3a4	It is not fair to ban outside government jobs but allow other outside work.
75	Sec. 3a4	This should not be a part time job, but only the Speaker has total restrictions on outside income.
76	Sec. 3c	Who is the finder of fact on residency questions?
77	Sec. 4a3	When does emergency or permanent legislation becomes effective?
78	Sec. 4a4	Remove paragraph (B) in the resolutions power.
79	Sec. 4e	The Governor should not have a line-item veto on the budget.

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80	Sec. 4f	What is the House's authority to create or abolish offices, especially in relation to the Governor's reorganization authority?
81	Sec. 4g	The Auditor position should be established and required, in line with the 1987 Constitution, and impose duties.
82	Sec. 4j	This section gives the Governor the power to reorganize offices within the Executive branch, but the Attorney General is within this branch. The Governor should not be able to reorganize the Attorney General's office and staff.
83	Sec. 6	Spell out if the Wards will become Legislative Districts or some other map will be used.
84	Sec. 7	ANCs should be abolished in favor of more Delegates.
85	Sec. 7	ANCs should be created by Act, not constitutionally established.
86	Sec. 7	Clarify that the House may establish whether ANCs can be paid and how many/few there are to be.
87	Sec. 7	There are no basic qualifications, including residency, for ANCs. They should be the same as the House.
88	Sec. 7	The House should provide by Act that ANCs should be given timely notice of Executive Branch actions in the area for input.
89	Sec. 7	ANC written recommendations should be given great weight during deliberations. When rejected, written reasons must be given.
90	Sec. 7	New Columbia should allot funding apportioned by the neighborhood's total population.
91	Sec. 7	Add that the House should provide for ANC funds and accounts by Act.
92	Sec. 7a	ANCs should not have to collect signatures.
93	Sec. 7a	Requirements that candidates get 5% of qualified electors will be administratively cumbersome and creates disparities because of the differences between residents and registered voters.
94	Sec. 7a	Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas should be drawn based on the decennial census and natural geographic and historic boundaries, not based on the Single Member District concept of equal population, to avoid gerrymandering.
95	Sec. 7b	The powers of the ANCs are poorly defined because they have no power to legislate and "advising the House" is vague.
96	Sec. 7b	Advisory Neighborhood Commissions should be able to expend donated funds in addition to public funds.
Article II		
97	Sec. 1	Vest the Governor with the "Chief Executive" power rather than the "executive" power.
98	Sec. 2	The Governor should be elected on a nonpartisan basis.
99	Sec. 2	Clarify whether Governor is elected in Presidential election years and if they are staggered with Speaker.
100	Sec. 2	The Governor should have a 2-term limit.

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101	Sec. 2	The Governor should be elected by ranked choice voting in primaries and the top two candidates in the general election.
102	Sec. 3a	Clarify who determines, and by what process, whether the Governor has forfeited his or her office.
103	Sec. 3a	The Governor should be replaced by an elected Lieutenant Governor rather than by the Speaker of the House.
104	Sec. 3a1B	The Governor should have at least a 4 year residency requirement.
105	Sec. 3c	The sentence that disallows the House from reducing a future Governor's salary should be removed.
106	Sec. 3c	The newly elected House of Delegates should set the salary structure for all elected officials.
107	Sec. 3d	The Governor does not forfeit office if she does not maintain residency. This should be changed.
108	Sec. 4	There is too much detail for a Constitution about the duties of the Governor.
109	Sec. 4	The Governor's appointment power for Agency Heads should be included.
110	Sec. 4	Strike redundant language concerning the Governor's powers and duties.
111	Sec. 4	The Governor should be given explicit commander in chief authority over the National Guard.
112	Sec. 4d	The Governor's power to appoint an Administrator and COO does not require confirmation and should.
113	Sec. 4g	The COO's salary should be approved by the House of Delegates
114	Sec. 4i	The sentence on compacts should recognize federal limits of Art. I, Sec. 10 by including "subject to federal law."
115	Sec. 4j	Why not retain the Home Rule Act and 1982 Constitution provisions giving the Council (House) passive review authority for reorganizations?
116	Sec. 4j	Should the Governor have the power to reorganize executive agencies and offices?
117	Sec. 4k	Does the Governor's pardon power extend to crimes committed before Statehood?
118	Sec. 4m	"Planning authority" should be defined.
119	Sec. 4m	There should be an independent planning authority.
120	Sec. 4 and 5	Establish a basic framework of the Attorney General's powers and duties and make conforming amendments to the Governor's powers and duties.
121	Sec. 5	The Attorney General should be elected by ranked choice voting in primaries and the top two candidates in the general election.
122	Sec. 5	The constitution should include substantive duties of the Attorney General.
123	Sec. 5	The Attorney General should be elected on a nonpartisan basis.
124	Sec. 5	Consolidate 5(a) and (c) for the Attorney General.
125	Sec. 5	There are no provisions on domiciliary requirements, DC bar membership, forfeiture of office, and vacancies for the Attorney General.
126	Sec. 5b	In case there is a vacancy in the Attorney General, should the House consent to appoint the Chief Deputy?

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127	Sec. 6	Removal of the CFO is too onerous. The House should not have to give assent to removal for cause.
128	Sec. 6e	Many of the CFO's duties should be left to statute
129	Sec. 6e	Tax duties of CFO belong with Governor, regardless of who handles them now.
130	Sec. 7	The State Board of Education should be handled by statute.
131	Sec. 7	Clarify whether the State Board of Education's authority extends to universities, public and private.
132	Sec. 7	Clarify that Governor has ultimate control over public schools, subject to the role of the House.
133	Sec. 7b2	The words "if any" should be struck so that the State Board can adjust statutes based on federal education law.
134	Sec. 7b2	If the State Board of Education is not abolished, the Board should not be able to reject policies of the House.
Article III		
135	All	The authority to create an intermediate court of appeals or other specialized courts is missing.
136	All	How much will it cost to bring back courts and prisoners?
137	Sec. 1	Rename the D.C. Court of Appeals the Supreme Court.
138	Sec. 2	Judges should be appointed for a set period of time and then have a retention vote by the people.
139	Sec. 2a	Should there be a reference to an Act or Resolution in the section giving the House the power to confirm judicial nominations?
140	Sec. 2a	The method of appointment and specified duties of the Judicial Nominations Commission should be included.
141	Sec. 2a	The Judicial Nomination Commission should be abolished.
142	Sec. 3	The domicile requirement should be for the term of office.
143	Sec. 3	Judges cannot be active members of the DC bar, so there should be no requirement for reappointments.
144	Sec. 3a2	Allow membership in the D.C. Bar to count towards a prospective judge's eligibility.
145	Sec. 3b	Clarify the removal process for judges by, for example, assigning removal to something akin to a Judicial Disabilities Commission
146	Sec. 3b5	The phrase "habitual intemperance" should be changed to something contemporaneous.
147	Sec. 3b5	Strike unnecessary language concerning "mental or physical disability"; should refer to any condition that interferes with the judge's performance of duty.
148	Sec. 4	The powers of courts are too detailed. We should delete all after the first sentence.
149	Sec. 5	Rewrite the Chief Judges section to allow for possibility of intermediate courts.
Article IV		
150	All	There is too much detail for a Constitution about the budget.

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151	All	Should we say whether anyone has standing to sue over an un-balanced budget?
152	All	Can the state declare bankruptcy? If so, should it be in the constitution?
153	Sec. 2b	The word "for" should be changed to "proposed by" so that independent agencies may propose budgets that meet their needs.
154	Sec. 2c	Budgetary reprogrammings should not be allowed.
155	Sec. 3 and 4	Could Adoption of Budget and Financial Statements be left to legislation?
156	Sec. 5	The balanced budget requirement is too vague in how it is determined.
157	Sec. 6	The House of Delegates should not have the power to approve contracts
158	Sec. 6	Strike the phrase "review prior to the contract going into effect" and insert "review and approval" in its place.
159	Sec. 7	Do various payments to emergency and contingency fund count against the balanced budget?
160	Sec. 7	Why have emergency and contingency funds?
161	Sec. 7	The House should be able to change the percentages in this section by Act.
162	Sec. 7	Do we need to include emergency and contingency reserve funds in the Constitution?
Article V		
163	All	There is too much detail for a Constitution about the required conditions for borrowing.
164	Sec. 5	Special taxes should have an end date as a requirement for adoption.
Article VI		
165	Sec. 1	Citizen initiatives should not be able to amend Constitution.
166	Sec. 1	Initiatives should be allowed to cancel appropriated funds.
167	Sec. 1d	Why must the registered voter count be taken at least 30 days before?
168	Sec. 2	Percentages should apply to total population rather than total registered voters, though only registered voters could sign.
169	Sec. 2	The signature requirements should be lower.
170	Sec. 2	ANCs should be able to vote to start an initiative that would then be authorized to go on the ballot.
171	Sec. 3	Should initiatives and referenda be on special election or primary ballots?
172	Sec. 7	The recall provision should prevent a recalled official from running for the same job again.
173	Sec. 7	Recalls should not be used for the State Board of Education and ANCs.
174	Sec. 8	Recalls should be permitted only once per term.
Article VII		
175	All	There should be another constitutional convention before the end of the year.
176	All	The constitution should call for a constitutional convention with delegates within 5 years.

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177	All	The constitution should include what qualifies as a constitutional convention.
178	All	Voters should be able to call for a constitutional convention by referendum that the legislature must then provide for within 6 months.
179	Sec. 1	There should be a required quarterly publication of the use of public dollars and expenditures.
180	Sec. 1	It is not clear what effect the "openness and transparency" language is meant to have; it should be clarified or struck.
181	Sec. 3	It is too easy to amend the constitution. It should be 2/3 of the House of Delegates and 2 votes by the Council.
182	Sec. 3	The citizens should be able to initiate a constitutional amendment. It should include an option to amend by citizen's initiative or a constitutional convention.
183	Sec. 4	Is the effective date realistic? What should be separate from constitution?
Article VIII		
184	All	The transition provisions should call for immediate elections.
185	All	Should there be a time frame for new elections post-statehood?
186	Sec. 1	A new State of New Columbia wouldn't have the authority to abolish the District government or declare itself the heir to District government institutions and proceedings; only Congress could do that.
187	Sec. 1b	The phrase "same schedule" is vague and should be rewritten to clarify that House members will retain staggered terms.
188	Sec. 1e	Federal members of boards and commissions should be dealt with individually through legislation, not through a broad constitutional provision.
189	Sec. 3	Court orders under which DC is working need to be carried over.
190	Sec. 4b	The transition provision for District laws should say that New Columbia is adopting the District's laws, not that the laws will "continue in force and effect."
191	Sec. 9	It is uncertain whether a State of New Columbia could lawfully empower non-residents to vote in its elections.