



**Senator Larry Obhof**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**OBHOF NAMED TO OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION**  
*Also appointed to Correctional Institution Inspection Committee*

*COLUMBUS*— State Senator Larry Obhof (R- Montville Township) announced today he has been appointed to the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission by Senate President Tom Niehaus (R- New Richmond). The General Assembly created the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission with the passage of House Bill 188 earlier this year. The bipartisan Commission is composed of six members each from the Ohio Senate and Ohio House and an additional 20 members appointed by the legislators.

“Our state constitution provides the legal framework that guides both our government and our citizens, and a periodic review of this document will ensure it continues to stand the test of time,” Obhof said. “I am honored to have been chosen to serve on this Commission, and look forward to working with my fellow members as we exchange ideas on possible improvements.”

Every 20 years, the question of whether to hold a constitutional convention must be put to Ohio voters. The Commission would serve as a preparatory body should a convention be called, and would advise the Legislature with respect to any potential constitutional amendments. Members of the Commission are tasked with conducting an in-depth review of Ohio’s Constitution in order to come up with suggestions on possible changes to the document as well as the process for amending the Ohio Constitution.

The Commission’s first report is due to the General Assembly in January 2013, and any recommendations must first be approved by two-thirds of the Commission members.

In addition, Obhof has also been appointed to serve on the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC). Comprised of legislators from both the Senate and the Ohio House, CIIC is responsible for inspecting and evaluating each state correctional institution, private correctional facility, and youth services facility once during the biennium. The Committee reports its findings to the General Assembly, and Committee members also assist in the development of programs to help improve the conditions or operations at correctional facilities.

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*State Senator Larry Obhof represents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Senate District, which encompasses Medina, Holmes and Wayne counties and portions of Ashland County. For more information, please visit [www.ohiosenate.gov/larry-obhof](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/larry-obhof).*