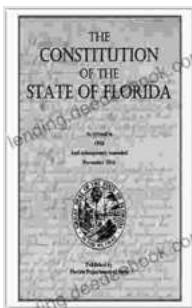


# The Constitution of the State of Florida: A Comprehensive Guide to the Governing Document of Florida

The Constitution of the State of Florida is the governing document of the state of Florida. It establishes the structure of the state government, defines the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and outlines the procedures for amending the constitution.



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## History of the Florida Constitution

The first constitution of the state of Florida was adopted in 1838, when Florida was still a territory of the United States. The constitution was revised in 1861, 1865, and 1868. The 1868 constitution was replaced by the current constitution in 1968.

## Structure of the Florida Constitution

The Florida Constitution consists of 12 articles. The articles are divided into sections, which are further divided into subsections.

- **Article I: Declaration of Rights**
- **Article II: The Legislature**
- **Article III: The Executive**
- **Article IV: The Judiciary**
- **Article V: Local Government**
- **Article VI: Education**
- **Article VII: Taxation and Finance**
- **Article VIII: Miscellaneous Provisions**
- **Article IX: Amendments**
- **Article X: Revision**
- **Article XI: Schedule**
- **Article XII: Effective Date**

### **Rights and Responsibilities of Florida Citizens**

The Florida Constitution guarantees a number of rights to its citizens, including the right to:

- Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
- Freedom of speech, religion, and assembly
- The right to bear arms

- The right to vote
- The right to a fair trial
- The right to privacy

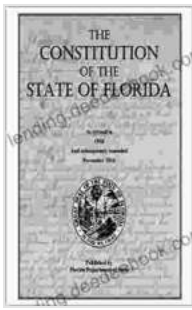
Florida citizens also have a number of responsibilities, including the responsibility to:

- Obey the law
- Pay taxes
- Serve on juries
- Vote in elections
- Protect the environment

## **Amending the Florida Constitution**

The Florida Constitution can be amended by a vote of the people. To amend the constitution, a proposed amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Florida Legislature and then by a majority vote of the people. Amendments can also be proposed by a citizens' initiative, which requires the collection of signatures from 15% of the registered voters in the state.

The Constitution of the State of Florida is a living document that has been amended many times over the years. The constitution is the foundation of the state government and it guarantees the rights and responsibilities of Florida citizens.

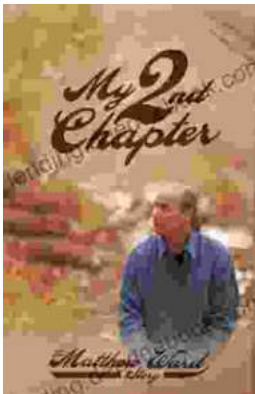


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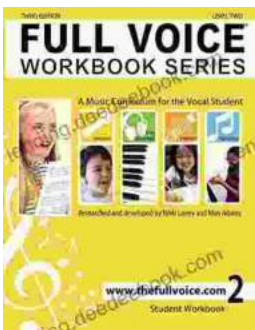
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