

Chronology of Events Surrounding the 1970 Constitutional Convention

June 30, 1965	Creation of Constitution Study Commission to study need for revision.
February 1967	Commission recommendations released to 75th General Assembly recommended that the General Assembly place the proposition of a constitutional convention on the November 1968 ballot. SJR 2, calling for a vote on the issue to be held concurrently with the November 5, 1968 general election, was approved by the General Assembly.
July 24, 1967	Creation of Constitution Study Commission II to study setting up the convention if the referendum was approved (SB 1376).
February 1968	Governor Kerner creates the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Convention (ICCC) to garner support for the convention.
November 5, 1968	Proposition for the calling of a convention presented to electorate in conjunction with the general elections (of 4.7 million voting, 2.9 million voted aye, 1.1 million voted nay).
May 7, 1969	Enabling legislation based on recommendations of Constitution Study Commission II approved (P.A. 76-40).
September 23, 1969	Primary election held to choose candidates for November 18, 1969 general election of delegates.
October 1969	Constitution Study Commission III formed to prepare for the organization of and aid to the convention.
November 1969	General election held to elect two convention delegates from each Senate district.
December 8, 1969	Constitutional convention convened.
September 3, 1970	Proposed constitution signed.
December 15, 1970	Special election held for adoption of the proposed constitution. Constitution approved by a vote of 1,122,425 to 838,168.