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The Florida Center for Fiscal & Economic Policy

## The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission

The primary role of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, which meets once every twenty years, is to recommend statutory and constitutional changes dealing with taxation and the state budgetary process.

By “Taxation,” the Commission's charge means all public revenues and revenue raising laws at every level of government in the state. The term “state budgetary process” means the manner in which every level of government in the state expends funds, incurs debt, assesses needs, acquires financial information, and administers its fiscal affairs, and includes the legislative appropriation process and the budgetary practices and principles of all agencies and subdivisions of the state involved in financial planning, determining, implementing, administering, and reviewing governmental programs and services.

The work of the Commission has a long-lasting effect on the lives of every Floridian and it is imperative that every Floridian's voice be heard by its members.

The next meetings of the Commission will take place in Tallahassee on March 6th and 7th, and you can find out where these meetings, as well as others tentatively scheduled until early May, when the Commission's term is slated to end, on the Commission's web site, which you can find here — <http://www.floridatbrc.org/index.php>

There are various ways to contact the Commissioners and express your opinion about their proposals — you can write to all or to individual Commissioners at:

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