

State elected officials in Ohio, consistent with the Constitution of Ohio and Ohio law, resisted appropriating public funds for private schools until 1965: Part 6

During the Constitutional Convention of 1912 the delegates considered several education issues. The same year, Ohioans approved two amendments to the Constitution regarding public education:

- Changed state education leadership for Ohio from an elected Commissioner of Common Schools to an appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction. (No State Board of Education)
- Made provision for the organization, administration and control of the public school system of the state supported by public funds and gave city school districts power, by referendum vote, to determine the number of members and the organization of the district board of education. NO PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS HERE!

It is of interest that Convention delegates soundly rejected a proposal to exempt city school districts from the state school system via a state-granted charter. WOW! How did charter school legislation pass? Charter schools are exempt from a myriad of state regulations.

Part 7 will discuss the legislation that enabled the 1913 Amendment to the Ohio Constitution.