

Problem? Solution! Match a problem or challenge facing the Ohio government with the solution provided in the 1851 Constitution. (Some problems may need more than one solution, and some solutions solve more than one problem!)

The General Assembly was too powerful and overshadowed the executive and judicial branches.

The Executive Branch was small and weak. There were only two offices and they had little power.



The Supreme Court couldn't handle the amount of cases coming from the Court of Common Pleas.

The Supreme Court was required to travel and hear cases in each county each year.

Citizens began to distrust the state government due to corruption and economic problems.

The General Assembly passed laws that benefitted some people and companies, but not others.

Judges and NEW Executive officials were now elected. (Rather than appointed by the General Assembly.)

Restrictions were placed on laws, requiring them to apply equally (not favoring some citizens over others).

Limitations were placed on state debt levels, and taxes had to be used only for their stated purpose.

The Legislature was prohibited from enacting retroactive laws.

District Courts were added to help the Supreme Court and the Court of Common Pleas.



The travel requirement for the state Supreme Court was dropped.