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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:

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SUBJECT:

PETITIONER CONTACT:

REQUESTED ACTION:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND:

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| LEGISLATIVE BODY | | | | | | | | | | |
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| County | Size | How Elected | Partisan Election -- Y/N | Length of Term | Term Limitation | Adjustments to Salary | Separates Legislative & Executive Functions | Specifics Non-Interference Clause | Administrative Code Required | Recall |
| Alachua | 5 | District (§2.2) | Silent | 4 | N | Statute | Y (§2.1) | N | Y(§2.2) | Y (§2.2) |
| Brevard | 5 | District (§2.1;2.3) | Silent | 4 (§2.4) | 2 (§2.4) | Ordinance (even-numbered years)(§2.6) | Y (§1.5) | Y (§3.4) | Y (§2.10.2) | Y (§5.2) |
| Broward | 9 | District (§2.01(A)1) | Y (§2.01(B)) | 4 | 3 (§2.02) | Statute (§2.01(D)) | Y (§1.02(c)) | Y(§2.07) | Y (§2.13) | Y (§1.04(M)) |
| Charlotte | 5 | District/At Large (§2.2) | Silent | 4 | Silent | Statute | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Clay | 5 | District | Silent | 4 | 2 | Charter (majority vote in general election) | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Columbia | 5 | District (§2.1) | N (§2.3;5.3) | 4 | N | Statute (§2.5) | Y (§1.6) | Y (§3.4) | Y (§2.8(6)) | Y |
| Duval | 19 | 14 District/5 At Large (§5.02) | Silent | 4 (§5.03) | 2 (§5.041) | Charter (§5.04, 9.12) | Y (§4.01) | N | Y | Y (§15.01) |
| Hillsborough | 7 | 4 District/3 At Large (§4.03) | Y | 4 | | Ordinance (§4.07) | Y (§3.01) | N | Y (§7.01) | Y (§9.08) |
| Lee | 5 | District/At Large (§2.2(A)) | Y (§ 2.2A) | 4 | 3 | Statute (§2.2(C)) | Y (§2.1) | Y (§2.2(I)) | Y (§2.2(E)) | Y (§2.2(G)) |
| Leon | 7 | 5 District/2 At Large (§2.2(1)) | N | 4 | Silent | Ordinance (§2.2(3)) | Y (§§1.8, 2.1) | Y | Y (§2.2(6)) | Y (§4.2) |
| Miami-Dade | 13 | 13 District (§1.04) | N (§3.3) | 4 (§3.01) | 2 (§3.01(E)) | Charter (§1.06) | Y (§1.01,§2.02) | Y (§4.04) | Y (§1.02(H)) | Y (§8.02) |
| Orange | 7 | 6 District/Mayor-At Large (§201) | N (§605) | 4 (§204(A)) | 2 §(204(B)) | Ordinance (§2.05) | Y (§108) | Y (§212) | Y (§211) | Y (§604) |

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| County | Size | How Elected | Partisan Election -- Y/N | Length of Term | Term Limitation | Adjustments to Salary | Separates Legislative & Executive Functions | Specifie s Non- Interfe- rence Clause | Administra- tive Code Required | Recall |
| Osceola | 5 | District/At Large (\$2.2(A)) | Silent | 4 | Silent | Statute (\$2.2(C)) | Y (\$2.1) | Silent | Y (\$2.2)(E)) | Y (\$2.2(G)) |
| Palm Beach | 7 | District (\$2.2) | Y-except non-partisan for property app, sheriff, sup. of elections (\$4.1.a) | 4 | 2 | Statute | Y (\$2.1) | Y (\$2.5) | Y (\$2.4) | Y (\$5.2) |
| Pinellas | 7 | 4 District/3 At Large (\$3.01) | Silent | 4 | Silent | Statute (\$3.01) | Y (\$3.01,\$4.01 (c)) | N | Silent | Silent |
| Polk | 5 | District/At Large (\$2.1) | Y (\$5.2.1) | 4 (\$2.4) | 12 (\$2.3) | Charter (\$2.5) | Y (\$1.6) | Y (\$3.4) | Y (\$2.10) | Y (\$6.2) |
| Sarasota | 5 | District/At Large (\$2.1A) | Silent | 4 (\$2.1A) | 2 (\$2.1A) | Charter (\$2.1B) | Silent | Y | Y | Y |
| Seminole | 5 | District/At Large (\$2.2A) | Silent | 4 (\$2.2A) | Silent | Ordinance | Y (\$2.1) | Y (\$2.2(l)) | Y(\$2.2E) | Y(\$2.2G) |
| Volusia | 7 | 5 District/1 At Large/1 Chair At Large (elected) (\$301) | N (\$904) | 4 (\$303.1) | 2 (\$303.5) | Charter (\$304) | Y (\$203) | Y (\$404) | Y (\$308.1) | Silent |
| Wakulla | 5 | District/At Large (\$2.1) | Silent | 4 (\$2.4) | N | Statute (\$2.5) | Y (\$1.6) | Y (\$3.4) | Y (\$2.8,2.9) | Y (\$6.2) |

| EXECUTIVE BRANCH | | | | | | | | | |
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| County Executive | | | | | | | | | |
| County | Selection of County Executive | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Terms/ Conditions of Employment | Powers and Duties | Appointment of Dept. Heads | Termination of Department Heads | With or Without Cause |
| Alachua | Appointed | Majority (§2.3(A)(2)) | Majority vote, after hearing if requested by CM (§2.3(A)(2)) | Silent | Ordinance | Charter/ Ordinance | Cty Mgr/BoCC majority vote confirmation (§2.3(B)(1)) | Cty Manager (§2.3(B)(2)) | Either |
| Brevard | Appointed | Silent | Silent | Silent | Contract | Charter (§3.3) | Mgr/BoCC Approval (§4.5.1) | Manager (§4.5.1) | Either (§4.5.1) |
| Broward | Appointed | 6/9 | Majority | Silent | Silent | Charter | Adm/BoCC Majority Approval | Administrator | Silent |
| Charlotte | Appointed (§2.3(A)(1)) | 4/5 (§2.3(A)(2)) | 4 outright or 3 out of 5 @ at 2 meetings 2 weeks apart (§2.3(A)(4)) | Either (§2.3(A)(4)) | Ordinance (§2.3(A)(2)) | Charter (§2.3(A)(1)) | Adm/BoCC Advice & Consent (§2.3(B)(1)) | Administrator (§2.3(B)(2)) | Either (§2.3(B)(2)) |
| Clay | Appointed (§2.3(A)(1)) | Majority (§2.3(A)(1)) | Majority (§2.3(A)(1)) | Either (§2.3(A)(1)) | Silent | Charter (§2.3(A)(1)) | Administrator (§2.3(B)(1)) | Manager/ BCC appeal (§2.3(B)(2)) | Either (§2.3(B)(2)) |

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| | | | | County Executive | | | | | |
| County | Selection of County Executive | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Terms/ Conditions of Employment | Powers and Duties | Appointment of Dept. Heads | Termination of Department Heads | With or Without Cause |
| Columbia | Appointed | Majority (§2.8(1)) | Majority/at 2 meetings or super-majority at one meeting (§2.8(1)) | Either | Contract (§3.2) subject to annual review by BoCC | Charter (§3.3) | Manager (§3.3(10)) | Manager (§3.3(10);§4.2) | Either/BoCC approval; Dept Head can appeal to BoCC (§4.2) |
| Duval | Mayor Elected (§6.01) | 4 years | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent | Mayor/Council Confirmation | Silent | Silent |
| Hillsborough | Appointed (§5.01) | 5/7(§5.03(1)) | 5 or 4 @ 2 meetings (§5.03(1)) | Either (§5.03(1)) | Ordinance (§5.03(2)) | Silent | Adm w/BoCC Consent (§5.01) | Administrator (§5.01) | Either (§5.01) |
| Lee | Appointed (§2.3(A)(1)) | | Majority (§2.3(A)(1)) | Either (§2.3(A)(1)) | Contract | Charter (§2.3(A)(1)) | Manager (§2.3(B)) | Manager (§2.3(B)) | Either (§2.3(B)) |

| EXECUTIVE BRANCH | | | | | | | | | |
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| County Executive | | | | | | | | | |
| County | Selection of County Executive | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Terms/ Conditions of Employment | Powers and Duties | Appointment of Dept. Heads | Termination of Department Heads | With or Without Cause |
| Leon | Appointed (§2.3(1)) | Majority + 1 | Majority +1 | Silent | Contract | Charter (§2.3(1)(A)) | Administrator does not include county attorney and TDC staff (§2.3(2)) | Administrator (§2.3(2)) | Either (§2.3(2)) |
| Miami-Dade | Mayor Elected (§2.02) | Elected-2 time term limit | | | | Charter | Mayor | Mayor | |
| Orange | Mayor Elected (§3.02) | Elected | | | | Charter | Mayor | Mayor | |
| Osceola | Appointed (§2.3(A)(1)) | Majority | Silent | Silent | Silent | Charter (§2.2(A)(1)) | Adm w/BoCC Advice & Consent | Administrator (§2.2(B)(2)) | Either (§2.2(B)(2)) |
| Palm Beach | Appointed (§2.4) | Majority (§2.4) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Charter | Adm/w BoCC Advice & Consent (§4.2) | Silent | Silent |

| EXECUTIVE BRANCH | | | | | | | | | |
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| County Executive | | | | | | | | | |
| County | Selection of County Executive | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Terms/ Conditions of Employment | Powers and Duties | Appointment of Dept. Heads | Termination of Department Heads | With or Without Cause |
| Pinellas | Appointed | 5/7 (§4.01(a)) | 4/5 at 2 meetings (§4.01(a)) | Silent | Silent | Charter (§4.01(C)) | Adm/BoCC Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(2)) | Adm/BoCC Approval for unclassified positions (§4.01(C)(3)) | With |
| Polk | Appointed | Majority of entire commission (§2.8(1)) | Majority at 2 meetings (§2.8(1)) | Silent | Contract (§3.2) | Charter | Adm/BoCC Approval (§4.2) | Administrator (§4.2) | Either (§4.2) |
| Sarasota | Appointed (§2.6A) | 4/5 (§2.6B) | 4 or 3/5 @ 2 meetings 3 weeks apart (§2.6B) | Silent | Silent | BCC and Charter (§2.6F) | Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.6F) | Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.6F) | Either (§2.6F) |
| Seminole | Appointed (§2.3(A)(1)) | Majority | Majority | Either (§2.3(A)(1)) | Silent | Charter (§2.3(A)) | Adm/BoCC Confirmation (§2.3(B)) | Administrator | Either |
| Volusia | Appointed (§401) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent | Charter (§403) | Adm/Council Approval (§602) | Silent | Silent |

EXECUTIVE BRANCH**County Executive**

| County | Selection of County Executive | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Terms/ Conditions of Employment | Powers and Duties | Appointment of Dept. Heads | Termination of Department Heads | With or Without Cause |
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| Wakulla | Appointed (§3.1) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Contract (§3.2) | Charter (§3.3) | Silent | Silent | Silent |

| COUNTY ATTORNEY | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| County | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Appointment of Assistant County Attorneys | Termination of Assistant County Attorneys |
| Alachua | BoCC (§2.3(C)) | Silent | Either (§2.3(C)) | Silent | Silent |
| Brevard | BoCC | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Broward | BoCC (§2.10) | Silent (§2.10) | Silent (§2.10) | County Atty (§2.10(C)) | Silent |
| Charlotte | BoCC (§2.3(D)) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Clay | Majority (§2.3(C)(1)) | Majority (§2.3(C)(1)) | Either (§2.3(C)(1)) | County Attorney (§2.3(C)(2)) | County Attorney (§2.3(C)(2)) |
| Columbia | Elected Non-Partisan | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | County Attorney | County Attorney |
| Duval | Mayor/Council Confirm (§7.03) | Mayor or Council (§7.06) | With/Council Confirm (§7.206) | General Counsel (§7.207) | Silent |
| Hillsborough | 5 (§6.03(1)) | 5 or 4 @ 2 meetings (§6.03(1)) | Either (§6.03(1)) | County Attorney (§6.01) | County Attorney (§6.01) |
| Lee | Majority (§2.3(C)(1)) | Majority (§2.3(C)(1)) | Either (§2.(C)(1)) | County Attorney (§2.(C)(5)) | County Attorney (§2.3(C)(5)) |
| Leon | BoCC (§2.4) | Silent (§2.3) | Either (§2.4.1) | Silent | Silent |
| Miami-Dade | BoCC subject to Mayor veto/override (§5.06) | Silent | Silent | County Attorney (§5.06) | Silent |
| Orange | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |

| COUNTY ATTORNEY | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| County | Method of Appointment | Method of Termination | With or Without Cause | Appointment of Assistant County Attorneys | Termination of Assistant County Attorneys |
| Osceola | Majority (§2.3(C)) | Silent | Silent | Co Atty subject to budget approval (§2.3(C)) | Silent |
| Palm Beach | BoCC (§4.3) | Silent | Silent | County Attorney subject to budget approval (§4.3) | Silent |
| Pinellas | County Attorney Oversight Committee (§4.2(a)) | Silent | Silent | Co Atty/BoCC App (§4.02(6)) | Silent |
| Polk | BoCC (§4.3) | Majority (§4.3) | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Sarasota | BoCC (§2.7) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Seminole | Majority (§2.4) | Majority (§2.4) | Either (§2.4) | County Attorney (§2.4) | County Attorney (§2.4) |
| Volusia | Council (§III.A.1) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Wakulla | BoCC (§4.1) | Silent | Silent | Silent | Silent |

| ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS | | | | |
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| County | Affects Status of Elected Constitutional Officers | Describe Change | Does Charter Provide for Recall of Elected Officials | School Board |
| Alachua | N (§3.1) | | Silent | |
| Brevard | Y (§4.1;4.2) | Makes them county officers (§7.23) | Y (§4.1.2; §5.2) | Elections procedures (§8.1) |
| Broward | Y (§3.06) | Abolished Tax Coll/Clerk Audit Functions Now Dept. of Financial Svcs & Adm | Silent | |
| Charlotte | N (§3.1) | | Silent - residency requirements (§3.1) | |
| Clay | Y (§3.1) | Manager is Board Clerk and performs Clerk finance functions (§2.3 (4)(1)f); creates a Commission Auditor; constituional officers term limits (§2.3 (D)) | Y (§3.2) | |
| Columbia | N (§5.1) | | Silent | |
| Duval | Y | Mayor Elected; Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections - elected charter offices (2 term limits) | Y (§15.01) | Y (Article 13) |
| Hillsborough | N (§1.02) | | Silent | |
| Lee | Y (§3.1) | SOE: Non-Partisan §§3.1;3.2 (A) | Silent | |
| Leon | Y (§3.1) | SOE: Non-Partisan §3.2 (A) | Silent | |
| Miami-Dade | Y (§9.01) | Sheriff abolished; Tax Collector and Clerk finance functions now Dept. of Financial Admininstration; transferred functions to Mayor; elected Property Appraiser | Y (§8.02) | |

| ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS | | | | |
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| County | Affects Status of Elected Constitutional Officers | Describe Change | Does Charter Provide for Recall of Elected Officials | School Board |
| Orange | Y (§703) | Clerk of Court/Comptroller; removes charter status of Property App; Tax Collector; SOE; Sheriff and reinstates constitutional status (§703); Sheriff, Property Appraiser, SOE and Clerk of Court into nonpartisan, elected charter officers subject to term limits of 4 consecutive year terms, abolishing status as constitutional officers | Silent | |
| Osceola | Y (§3.1) | Clerk functions transferred to Manager | Silent | |
| Palm Beach | Y (§4.1.a) | Property Appraiser; Sheriff; Supervisor of Elections - nonpartisan | Silent | |
| Pinellas | N (§4.03) | | Silent | |
| Polk | Y (§5.1; 5.2) | Non-partisan for Clerk, Property Appraiser, Supervisor or Elections, Sheriff, Tax Collector | Silent | |
| Sarasota | Y (§2.4) | 4 Yr Term Limits for Constitutional Officers | Y | |
| Seminole | N (§3.1) | | Silent | |
| Volusia | Y (§601.1) | Tax Coll/Clerk now Dept. of Finance & Adm; Sheriff, SOE, Property Appraiser Appointed as Department Directors | Silent | |
| Wakulla | N (§5.1) | | Silent | |

| INITIATIVE TO ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL COUNTY ORDINANCES | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| County | % of Registered Electors Required on Petition | Time Limitation to Gather Signatures | Time Limit for County Commission to Take Action | If Referendum is Required it will be scheduled at: | Limitation on Subject Matter for Initiative Petitions | Approval as to Form |
| Lee | 5% (§2.2(H)(1)) | 180 days (§2.2(H)(2)) | 45 days (§2.2(H)(3)) | General Election (§2.2(H)(3)) | Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4)) | Y (§2.2(H)(2)) |
| Leon | 10% (§4.1(1)) | 1 year (§4.2(2)) | 60 days (§4.2(3)) | General Election (§4.2(3)) | Specified in charter (§4.2(4)) | Y |
| Miami-Dade | 4% (§8.01) | 120 days | 60 days after legal review report | Next Countywide Election or if 8% signatures, special election | Specified in charter | Y |
| Orange | 7% (§601(B)) | | 30 days (§602(B)) | Next election, 45 days after Res by BoCC (§602(B)) | Specified in charter (§603) | Y (§602) |
| Osceola | 7% (§2.2(H)(1)) | 180 days (§2.2(H)(2)) | 60 days (§2.2(H)(3)) | General Election (§2.2(H)(3)) | Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4)) | Y (§2.2(H)(2)) |
| Palm Beach | 7% (§5.1) | Silent | 45 days subject to verification by SOE (§5.1) | General Election (§5.1) | Specified in charter (§5.1) | Silent |
| Pinellas | Silent | Silent | Silent | | | |

INITIATIVE TO ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL COUNTY ORDINANCES

| County | % of Registered Electors Required on Petition | Time Limitation to Gather Signatures | Time Limit for County Commission to Take Action | If Referendum is Required it will be scheduled at: | Limitation on Subject Matter for Initiative Petitions | Approval as to Form |
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| Polk | 6% (§6.1) | 1 year (§6.1.1) | 60 days (§6.1.2) | General Election (§6.1.2) | Specified in charter (§6.1.3) | Silent |
| Sarasota | Silent | | | | | Silent |
| Seminole | 5% (§2.2(H)(1)) | 6 mos (§2.2(H)(2)) | 60 (§2.2(H)(3)) | General Election (§2.2(H)(3)) | Specified in charter (§2.2(H)(4)) | Y (§2.2(H)(2)) |
| Volusia | Silent | | | | Silent | Silent |
| Wakulla | 30% (§6.1) | 6 mos (§6.1.1) | 60 days (§6.1.2) | General Election (§6.1.2) | Specified in charter (§6.1.3) | Silent |

| METHODS TO AMEND CHARTER AMENDMENT BY PETITION | | | | | | |
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| County | Subject Matter Exclusions | % of Registered Electors Required on Petition | Time Limit to Gather Signatures | Referendum Will Be Scheduled | Voting Requirements | Other |
| Alachua | | 10% (§4.2(A)(1)) | 180 days (§4.2(A)(2)) | General Election (§4.2(A)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(A)(3)) | |
| Brevard | Y (§7.3.2.1) | 4% (§7.3.2) | 9 mos (§7.3.2.4;§5.1.1) | Special Election (§7.3.3) | Majority (§7.3.3) | |
| Broward | | 7% | 180 days | See charter (§7.01(G)(1)&(2)) | Majority (§7.01(I)) | |
| Charlotte | | 10% (4.2(B)(1)) | 90 days (4.2(B)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(B)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(B)(3)) | |
| Clay | | 10% (§4.2(A)(1)) | 180 days (§4.2(A)(3)) | General Election (§4.2(A)(2)) | Majority (§4.2(A)(4)) | |
| Columbia | | 10% (§8.3.2(2)) | 6 mos (§8.3.2) | General Election (§8.3.3) | Majority (§8.3.3) | |
| Duval | | 5% (§18.05(a)) | 180 days | Next Countywide General Election (§18.05(h)) | Majority (§18.05) | |
| Hillsborough | | 8% (§8.03(1)) | 6 mos (§8.03(1)) | General Election (§8.04) | Majority (§8.04) | |
| Lee | | 7% (§4.1(A)(1)) | 90 days (§4.1(A)(2)) | General Election (§4.1(A)(4)) | Majority (§4.1(A)(4)) | |
| Leon | | 10% (§5.2(1)(A)) | 1 year (§5.2(1)(A)) | General Election (§5.2(1)(B)) | Majority (§5.2(1)(B)) | |
| Miami-Dade | N | 10% (§9.07(A)) | Silent | General Election | Majority (§9.07(D)) | |
| Orange | N | 10% (§601(A)) | 180 days (§601(A)) | Next General Election (§602(A)) | Majority (§602(A)) | Providing for single subject, legal review, comptroller prepared financial impact statement and public hearing requirements; ensuring equal percentage of signatures from all commission districts |
| Osceola | N | 10% (§4.2(A)(1)) | 180 days (§4.2(A)(2)) | Special Election (§4.2(A)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(A)(3)) | |
| Palm Beach | N | 7% (§6.3) | Silent | General Election or presidential primary (§6.3) | Majority (§6.3) | |
| Pinellas | N | 8% (§6.02(1)) | 240 days (§6.02(2)) | General Election or special call referendum (§6.02(1)) | Majority (§6.02(1)) | Brief financial impact statement prepared by county auditor placed on ballot with proposed charter amendment |
| Polk | Y (§8.3.2) | 7% (§8.3.2) | 1 year (§8.3.2, §6.1.1) | General Election - cannot be held sooner than 60 days after amendment proposed or validated (§8.3.3) | 60% (§8.3.3) | 60% (§8.3.3) |
| Sarasota | N | 10% (§7.1) | Silent | General Election (§7.1) | Majority (§7.1) | Majority (§7.1) |

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| County | Subject Matter Exclusions | % of Registered Electors Required on Petition | Time Limit to Gather Signatures | Referendum Will Be Scheduled | Voting Requirements | Other |
| Seminole | N | 7.5% residing in 3/5 (§4.2(A)(1)) | 6 mos (§4.2(A)(2)) | General Election (§4.2(A)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(A)(3)) | Majority (§4.2(A)(3)) |
| Volusia | | 5% (§1302.2) | Silent | General Election (§1302.3) | Majority (§1302.3) | Majority (§1302.3) |
| Wakulla | Y (§7.3.2) | 30% (§7.3.2) | 6 mos (§7.3.2, §6.1.1) | General Election (§7.3.3) | Majority (§7.3.3) | Majority (§7.3.3) |

AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

| County | Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter? | When Appointed | Size of Commission | Election Scheduled | Voting Requirements of Commission | Financial Impact Statements |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Alachua | Y (§4.2(B)) | Every 10 years (§4.2(B)(1)) | 11-15 (§4.2(B)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(B)) | Majority (§4.2(B)(5)) | Silent |
| Brevard | Y (§7.4) | Every 6 years (§7.4) | 15 (§7.4) | Special Election (§7.4.1) | Majority (§7.4.1) | Silent |
| Broward | Y | Every 12 years | 19 | General Election | 2/3 vote (§6.02) | Y (§11.07) |
| Charlotte | Y (§4.(C)(1)) | Every 6 years (§4.2(C)(1)) | 15/ 3 alternate (§4.2(C)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(C)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(C)(5)) | Silent |
| Clay | Y (§4.2(B)(1)) | Every 4 years (§4.2(B)(1)) | 15/5 alternates (§4.2(B)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(B)(5)) | Majority (§4.2(B)(5)) | |
| Columbia | Y (§8.4) | Every 8 years (§8.4) | Silent | General Election (§8.4(3)) | Silent | Silent |
| Duval | N | | | | | |
| Hillsborough | Y | Every 5 years (§8.02) | 14 (§8.02) | General Election (§8.04) | 2/3 vote (§8.04) | Y |

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|-------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Lee | Y | Every 8 years (§4.1(B)(1)) | 15 (§4.1(B)(1)) | General Election (§4.1(B)(4)) | Majority (§4.1(B)(4)) | N |
| Leon | Y | Every 8 years (§5.2(2)(A)) | BoCC decides | General Election (§5.2(2)(A)) | Silent | Silent |
| Miami-Dade | N | | | | | |
| Orange | Y (§7.02) | Every 4 years (§7.02(B)) | 11-15 (§7.02(A)) | General Election (§7.02(B)) | Silent | |
| Osceola | Y(§4.2(C)(1)) | Every 4 years (§4.2(C)(1)) | 11 (§4.2(C)(2)) | Silent | 2/3 vote (§4.2(C)(8)) | Silent |
| Palm Beach | N | | | | | |
| Pinellas | Y | Every 8 years (§6.03(a)) | 13 (§6.03(a)) | General Election (§6.03(c)) | Silent | Y (§6.06) |

AMENDMENT BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

| County | Appointment of Charter Review Commission Specified in Charter? | When Appointed | Size of Commission | Election Scheduled | Voting Requirements of Commission | Financial Impact Statements |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Polk | Y | Every 8 years (§8.04) | 13 (§8.4) | General Election (§8.4) | Silent | Silent |
| Sarasota | Elected (§2.8A) | 4 year terms (§2.8A) | 10 (§2.8A) | Next Countywide Election (§7.1) | 2/3 (§2.8B) | Silent |
| Seminole | Y (§4.2(B)) | Every 6 years (§4.2(B)(1)) | 15 (§4.2(B)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(B)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(B)(4)) | Silent |
| Volusia | Y (§1303) | Every 10 years (§1303) | According to general law (§1303) | General Election (§1303) | Silent | Silent |
| Wakulla | Y (§7.4) | Every 8 years (§7.4) | 15 (§7.4) | General Election (§7.4) | Not less than 10 members (§7.4) | Silent |

CHARTER AMENDMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSION

| County | Amendment Proposed by Ordinance Approved by | Referendum Will Be Scheduled | Voting Requirements |
|---------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Alachua | Majority + 1 (§4.2(C)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(C)(2)) | Majority (§4.2(C)(2)) |
| Brevard | Not less than 4 (§7.3.1) | Special/concurrent with countywide | Majority |
| Broward | Majority + 1 (§2.06) | General Election | Majority |
| Charlotte | Majority (§4.2(A)) | General Election (§4.2(A)) | Majority (§4.2(A)) |
| Clay | Majority (§4.2(C)(1)) | Next General or Special Election (§4.2(C)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(C)(1)) |
| Columbia | Majority + 1 (§8.3.1) | General Election (§8.3.3) | Majority (§8.3.3) |
| Duval | Silent | Silent | Silent |
| Hillsborough | 5 (§8.01) | Special Election or Regular Election as directed by BoCC (§8.04) | Majority (§8.04) |
| Lee | Majority (§4.1(C)(1)) | General Election (§4.1(C)(2)) | Majority (§4.1(C)(2)) |
| Leon | Majority + 1 (§5.2(3)(A)) | General Election (§5.2(3)(A)) | Majority (§5.2(3)(B)) |
| Miami-Dade | Resolution of BoCC (§9.07(A)) | General Election | Majority |
| Orange | Majority (§7.01) | Primary, General or Special Election (§7.01) | Silent |

CHARTER AMENDMENT BY COUNTY COMMISSION

| County | Amendment Proposed by Ordinance Approved by | Referendum Will Be Scheduled | Voting Requirements |
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| Osceola | Majority + 1 (§4.2(B)(1)) | Special Election (§4.2(B)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(B)(1)) |
| Palm Beach | 4 (§6.3) | Presidential Election Ballot (§6.3) | Majority (§6.3) |
| Pinellas | Majority + 1 (§6.01) | Next Countywide or Special Election (§6.01) | Majority (§6.01) |
| Polk | Majority + 1 (§8.3.1) | General Election (§8.3.3) | 60% (§8.3.3) |
| Sarasota | Silent | Special Election (§7.1) | Majority (§7.1) |
| Seminole | Majority (§4.2(C)(1)) | General Election (§4.2(C)(1)) | Majority (§4.2(C)(1)) |
| Volusia | 2/3 vote of Council (§1302.1) | General Election (§1302.3) | Majority (§1302.3) |
| Wakulla | Majority + 1 (§7.3.1) | General Election (§7.3.3) | Majority (§7.3.3) |

| INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS | |
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| Alachua | Municipal ordinances prevail in event of conflict. Environmental - Ordinances that establish different standards for the purpose of protecting the environment by prohibiting or regulating air or water pollution, the more stringent will apply inside a municipality. The less stringent standards still apply as well. (§1.4) Land use planning - Each municipality responsible for planning inside municipal boundaries; county for unincorporated area. County and a city may, by interlocal, agree to provide for joint planning under certain circumstances. (§1.5) County Growth Management Area - charter amended to establish a countywide "County Growth Management Area" and county's comp plan and land development regulations will govern land |
| Brevard | Municipal ordinances prevail except as otherwise provided by state or federal law. (§1.7) |
| Broward | Municipal ordinances prevail except when the county ordinance relates to (1) setting minimum standards protecting the environment through the prohibition or regulation of air/water pollution, or the destruction of resources in the county belonging to the general public; (2) land use planning ; (3) regulates the conduct of elected officials, appointed officials, and public employees through an enacted Code of Ethics ; (4) handgun management (§2.12) |
| Charlotte | Municipal ordinances prevail except for countywide ordinances relating to (1) impact fees to pay the cost of county facilities or (2) countywide comp plan or countywide comp plan elements and countywide LDRs as defined by Ch. 163 , Part II, Fla. Stat., as amended by the Legislature. |
| Clay | Municipal ordinances prevail. |
| Columbia | Municipal ordinances prevail except the county may, by ordinance, adopt minimum countywide standards for (1) regulating adult entertainment ; (2) protecting the environment by regulating air or water pollution; (3) outdoor burning ; (4) hours of sales of alcoholic beverages ; (5) animal control ; (6) firearms and weapons and; (7) protection of level of service standards for county maintained roads . Municipal ordinances in these areas can be stricter than the county minimum and apply. (§1.8) |
| Duval | Consolidated government. |
| Hillsborough | Municipal ordinances prevail. (§4.09) Planning - Charter establishes a single planning agency for cities and county to be created by special act without a referendum; responsible for comp planning and related activities as are committed to it by general or special law. (§9.09) Environmental protection - Charter establishes a single local environmental protection commission to be created by special act without a referendum.(§9.10) |
| Lee | Municipal ordinances prevail (§1.4); minimum environmental regulations (§1.6) |
| Leon | Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.6) |
| Miami-Dade | Charter has power to preempt all municipal powers. (§§6.01, 6.02) |
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| Orange | Municipal ordinances generally prevail. Exceptions: County ordinances prevail when the county sets minimum standards for (1) regulating adult entertainment ; (2) protecting the environment by prohibiting or regulating air/water pollution, and only to extent that minimum standards are stricter than municipal ones; and (3) prohibiting or regulating simulated gambling or gambling. (§704) Voluntary annexation -Charter preempts ability to annex certain "preservation districts" to the county. (§505) |
| Osceola | Municipal ordinances prevail to extent of conflict. In the absence of conflict, county ordinances shall be effective inside municipalities when such intent is expressed by county ordinance. (§1.4) Casino gambling reserved to the people. (§1.5) |
| Palm Beach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Municipal ordinances prevail to extent of conflict, except that county ordinances shall prevail over (1) matters relating to protection of wells and well fields; (2) matters relating to schools, county-owned beaches, district parks and regional parks, solid waste disposal, county law enforcement, and impact fees for county roads and public buildings; in matters related to county fire-rescue impact fees and county library impact fees in those municipalities whose properties are taxed by the county for library and/or fire-rescue services, respectively; (3) for adoption and amendment of countywide land use element; (4) matters related to establishment of levels of service for collector and arterial roads which are not the responsibility of any municipality; (5) voluntary annexation and (6) ethics regulation . |
| Palm Beach | <p>the restriction of the issuance of development orders which would add traffic to such roads which have traffic exceeding the adopted level of service, provided that such ordinance is adopted and amended by a majority of the county commission; and (5) voluntary annexation. (§1.3) Protection of Health, Safety and Welfare of all residents of county. County may adopt appropriate ordinances to accomplish these purposes. (§3.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Both county and municipal approval of charter amendments when they affect municipal power or function.(§6.3) |
| Pinellas | The county has all special and necessary power to furnish within the various municipalities the services and regulatory authority listed here: (1) development and operation of 911 emergency communication system; (2) development and operation of solid waste disposal facilities, exclusive of municipal collection systems; (3) development and operation of regional sewer treatment facilities in accordance with federal law, state law, and existing or future interlocal agreements, exclusive of municipal systems; (4) acquisition, development and control of county-owned parks, buildings, and other county owned parks; (5) public health or welfare services or facilities; (6) operation, development and control of St. Pete-Clearwater airport;(7) design, construction and maintenance of major drainage systems in both the incorporated and unincorporated area; (8) design, construction and maintenance of county roads; (9) implementation of consumer protection regulations and protections; (10) animal control; (11) civil preparedness; (12) fire protection for unincorporated areas; (13) motor vehicle inspections; |

| INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS | |
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| | <p>(14) water distribution, exclusive of municipal systems and in accordance with interlocals; (15) charitable solicitations regulations; (16) provide municipal services in unincorporated areas; (17) all powers necessary to transfer functions and powers of other governmental agencies; (18) special one-rule tax to acquire beachfront and other property for recreational use; (19) countywide planning, as provided by special law; (20) voluntary annexation procedures, including lands available for annexation, to the extent provided by general law. (§2.04)</p> <p>Annexation - Nothing in the charter prevents a municipality from annexing an unincorporated area, except that all annexations shall be in accordance with the exclusive method and criteria for voluntary annexation, including delineation of areas eligible for annexations adopted by ordinance under the authority elsewhere in charter. (§2.07)</p> <p>County can furnish additional services to the municipalities when the municipality requests it and BoCC approves. (§2.05) Certain powers of county limited. (§2.06)</p> |
| Polk | Municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.8) |
| Sarasota | Generally, municipal ordinances prevail except with respect to comprehensive planning and future land use designations in areas outside the urban service area which are not designated in a municipality's comp plan. In those areas, absent agreement, county's, rather than city's, future land use map designation ordinances control. (§3.3) |
| Seminole | Generally, municipal ordinances prevail. (§1.4) Exceptions: Casino gambling reserved to the people (Art. V, §1.1) and county ordinances related to the Rural Boundary prevail over municipal ones in conflict with county ordinances related to it. (Art. V, §1.2) |
| Volusia | Municipal ordinances prevail, except as otherwise provided by the charter. (§1305) Growth Management Commission - countywide power. (§202.3) Environmental minimum standards, including, but not limited to, tree protection, stormwater management, wastewater management, river and waterway protection, hazardous waste disposal, wetlands protection, beach and dune protection, air pollution. Standards shall apply in all areas of the county; county ordinances prevail in this area, municipalities may adopt stricter standards. (§202.4) Unified Beach Code - County has jurisdiction over coastal beaches and approaches (specifically including municipal areas) and exclusive authority to regulate the beaches and public beach access and use; county ordinance prevails in this area. (§205) |
| Wakulla | Municipal ordinances prevail; if county ordinance in conflict in municipality ordinance not effective. (§1.8) |

| ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| County | Campaign Finance Regulation | County Ethics Commission | Local Code of Ethics | Local Elections Criteria/Procedures | Redistricting Board |
| Alachua | Y (§1.6) | N | Silent | | |
| Brevard | N | N | N | | |
| Broward | N | Y (§10.01) | Y | | |
| Charlotte | N | N | N | | |
| Clay | N | N | Y (§2.2(E)) | | |
| Columbia | N | N | Y | | |
| Duval | N | Y (§1.202) | Y (§1.202) | | |
| Hillsborough | N | N | Y (§9.03) | | |
| Lee | N | N | N | | |
| Leon | N | N | Y | | |
| Miami-Dade | N | Y-Independent Inspector General | Y | | |
| Orange | N | N | Y (§707) | | |
| Osceola | N | N | N | | |
| Palm Beach | | Y | Y (§2-441 through 2-447) | | |
| Pinellas | N | N | N | | Y |
| Polk | N | N | N | | |
| Sarasota | Y (§6.5A) | N | N | | |
| Seminole | N | N | N | | |
| Volusia | N | N | Y (§1201) | | |
| Wakulla | N | N | | | |

RECALL ELECTION HELD

| County | |
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| Alachua | N |
| Brevard | N |
| Broward | N |
| Charlotte | N |
| Clay | N |
| Columbia | N |
| Duval | N |
| Hillsborough | |
| Lee | N |
| Leon | N |
| Miami-Dade | Y (1970s/ 2006) |
| Orange | N |
| Osceola | N |
| Palm Beach | N |
| Pinellas | N |
| Polk | N |
| Sarasota | N |
| Seminole | N |
| Volusia | |
| Wakulla | N |

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