

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD PROPOSING TO THE ELECTORATE OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BY MEANS OF A REFERENDUM, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: REDEFINING COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS 5, 6, & 7 TO ADD GEOGRAPHIC RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS BUT CONTINUING TO HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS ELECTED FROM THOSE DISTRICTS ELECTED AT LARGE; REVISING THE REAPPORTIONMENT; & TRANSITION SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THIS AMENDMENT, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Section 4.03 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.03. Districts. The territory of three districts shall ~~embrace the entire territory of the county~~ be established by dividing all of the county into three separate areas, ~~and be~~ designated as districts 5, 6 and 7 respectively, as nearly equal in population as possible. The territory of four districts shall be established by dividing all of the county into four separate areas, designated as districts 1 through 4 respectively, as nearly equal in population as practicable.

2. Section 4.05 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.05. Election and Term of Office. Except as provided herein, all elections for the board of county commissioners shall be as provided for county commissioners in non-charter counties. Each commissioner from districts 1 through 4 shall be elected by the electors residing in the district for which the commissioner qualifies. Each commissioner from districts 5 through 7 shall be elected by all electors of the county. Each commissioner shall be elected for a term of four years, except as provided for initial commissioners in the transition article and except that, in order to reflect population shifts

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between decennial censuses as quickly as possible, in 1990 and every ten years thereafter the commissioners to be elected from districts 1 and 3 shall be elected for terms of two years and in 1992 and every ten years thereafter the commissioners to be elected from districts 2 and 4 shall be elected for terms of two years. Terms of office shall commence on the second Tuesday following the general election at which the commissioner was elected.

3. Section 4.06 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.06. Reapportionment. Within 120 days after the certification of the federal decennial census, the board of county commissioners shall reapportion districts 1 through ~~4~~ 7. Before doing so, the board of county commissioners shall cause an accurate description of the proposed new boundaries of such districts to be entered upon its minutes and a certified copy thereof to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county. The notice shall include the date of the meeting at which the board shall consider such boundaries and take testimony from the public regarding boundary changes. Proof of such publication shall be entered on the minutes of the board. The publication of the notice shall be for information only and shall not be jurisdictional. Whenever the boundaries of the existing districts are changed, the board shall cause its clerk to furnish the Department of State with a certified copy of its minutes, reflecting the description of the boundaries of the district, as changed.

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4. Section 10.03 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.03. ~~Initial Commissioners.~~ Charter Amendment of 2002. ~~By November 15, 1983, the board of county commissioners shall establish the apportionment of districts 1 through 4 under procedures provided in section 4.06 and using the 1980 federal decennial census population figures. At the 1984 general elections commissioners from districts 1 through 4 and district 6 shall be elected, with the terms of the new commissioners from districts 1 and 3 to be for two years only and the terms of commissioners from districts 2, 4 and 6 to be for four years. The commissioners from districts 2 and 4 as drawn in 1981, who were elected by county wide vote in 1982, shall serve as the commissioners from districts 5 and 7 respectively until the second Tuesday following the 1986 general election, but if either is not in office at the beginning of qualification in 1984, then a commissioner for new district 5 or 7, as the case may be, shall be elected in the initial election for a term of 2 years. The Board of County Commissioners shall reapportion districts 5 through 7 by November 1, 2003 for purposes of the 2004 and subsequent general elections. Commissioners from district 5 through 7 in office at the time of the reapportionment required by November 1, 2003, shall be permitted to finish their terms in the same manner as if their district had not been reapportioned.~~

5. (a) The proposed amendment to the Charter of Hillsborough County, Florida shall be presented to the Hillsborough County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt the same on the ballot at the next scheduled general election.

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(b) The question on the ballot shall be as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Shall the Hillsborough County charter be amended to redefine and redistrict districts five, six and seven (the at large districts), dividing the county into three districts with equal population, so that members from those districts are still elected on a countywide basis, but must live within their district, to revise reapportionment, and to create a transition schedule.

_____ Yes for Approval

_____ No for Rejection

6. Effective Date:

This Amendment to the Charter of Hillsborough County shall become effective when and only if approved by a "yes" vote by a majority of those voting on the question posed at the next general election. If a majority of those voting shall not vote "yes" to the question posed, the proposed amendment shall not be adopted.