

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: PROVIDING THAT THE LIMITATION IN THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE CHARTER GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE ADDED TO THE ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE, PROVIDING FOR THE ABILITY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXCEED THIS LIMIT BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF FIVE COMMISSIONERS, PROVIDING A DEFINITION SECTION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Section 9.13 shall be created and shall read as follows:

Section 9.13. Charter Government Annual Budget Increase Limitation.

(1) The annual percentage increase in the operating budget component of the countywide general fund and the unincorporated general fund shall be limited to the total of the annual inflation rate added to the annual county population growth rate.

The board of county commissioners may override this provision by passing, with at least five affirmative votes, a resolution overriding the limit.

(2) For purposes of this section only, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) The term "annual inflation rate" shall be the Chain-Type Price Index for State and Local Government Purchases or its successor index as published by the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency.

(b) The term "annual county population growth rate" shall be the county population growth rate published by the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission or its successor entity.

(3) In determining the annual inflation rate and annual county population rate, the board of county commissioners shall use the most current data available as of April 15th of each year.

2. (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.

(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 require that the operating budget component of the countywide and unincorporated general funds not increase each year in terms of percentage by more than the annual inflation rate added to the annual county population growth rate, with a provision allowing five affirmative votes of the county commission to override this limitation?

____ Yes for Approval

____ No for Rejection

3. Effective Date:

This Amendment to the Charter of Hillsborough County shall become effective beginning with the Fiscal Year 2004 county budget 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.