

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; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, QUALIFICATIONS, COMPENSATION, AND DUTIES OF A COUNTY INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR; RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY INTERNAL PERFORMANCE AUDITOR IN THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE WORDING FOR A REFERENDUM QUESTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SHALL BECOME ADOPTED ONLY IF A MAJORITY OF THOSE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ELECTORS VOTING IN THE REFERENDUM SHALL VOTE "YES"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Section 1.** Section 4.10 shall be created to read as follows:

**Section 4.10. County Internal Performance Auditor.**

(1) To advise the board of county commissioners, assist the board of county commissioners in conducting continuing studies of the operation of county programs and services, and serve as an

additional budget analyst for the board of county commissioners, there shall be a county internal performance auditor.

(2) The county internal performance auditor shall be appointed by five (5) affirmative votes of the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners, at any time, may remove the county internal performance auditor with five (5) affirmative votes . The county internal performance auditor shall be responsible directly to the board of county commissioners. The county internal performance auditor need not be a resident of Hillsborough County at the time of appointment, but shall become a resident of Hillsborough County within a reasonable period of time and remain a resident of Hillsborough County while in office.

(3) The county internal performance auditor shall be a certified public accountant holding an active license to practice public accountancy in the State of Florida, or shall be qualified by education and experience in governmental accounting, internal performance auditing practice, and fiscal controls. The county internal performance auditor shall not engage in any other business or occupation. The compensation of the county internal performance auditor shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners by resolution at a level which is commensurate with the requirements of the position. The county internal performance auditor's compensation, including severance pay, may be set by contract if allowed by and pursuant to resolution.

(4) As directed by resolution of the board of county commissioners, the county internal performance auditor shall conduct performance audits and budget reviews of all aspects of this Charter government and its offices and officials with written reports submitted to both the board

of county commissioners and the county administrator. To the degree necessary to fulfill the responsibilities directed by the board, the auditor shall have free and unrestricted access to Charter government employees, officials, records and reports and, where appropriate, may require all divisions, offices, and officials of the Charter government to provide oral and written reports and to produce documents, files, and other records.

(5) The county internal performance auditor shall hire, on either a full-time or part-time basis, and may remove assistants. The number and qualifications of assistants shall be provided by resolution of the board of county commissioners. The county internal performance auditor may also be authorized by the board of county commissioners to hire outside expertise as may be deemed necessary. The county internal performance auditor's budget shall be set by resolution of the board of county commissioners.

(6) The office of county internal performance auditor shall be deemed vacant if the incumbent: takes up residence outside of Hillsborough County; dies; resigns; or is removed by five (5) affirmative votes of the board of county commissioners. A vacancy in the office of the county internal performance auditor shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

**Section 2.** Section 9.04 of the Charter is amended to read as follows:

Section 9.04 Political Activities. Political activities of officers and employees of the county government shall be governed and controlled by general law except as provided herein and except that the county administrator's assistants and division and office heads, the county internal performance auditor, the county internal performance auditor's assistants, and the county attorney

and his assistants, shall not hold any political office nor take part in any political activity relating to county commission elections, other than voting.

**Section 3.** Proposed Amendment

(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

To amend the Hillsborough County Charter; providing for the appointment, removal, qualifications, compensation, and duties of the county internal performance auditor; who will advise and assist the board of county commissioners in conducting continuing studies in the operation of county programs and services, recognizing the office of the county internal performance auditor in the

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prohibition of certain political activities; Providing for an effective date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes for Approval

\_\_\_\_\_ No for Rejection

**Section 4. Effective Date:**

- (a) This amendment to the Charter of Hillsborough County shall become effective when and
- (b) only
  
- (c) if approved by a "yes" vote by 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.
  
- (b) This amendment to the Charter of Hillsborough County shall go into force and effect on the second Tuesday following the general election at which the Charter is amended.