



Board-Initiated Charter Amendment

Process, Timeline and Draft Ordinance

2024 Board-Initiated Charter Amendment Process

Section 4.2(C). Amendments proposed by the board of county commissioners.

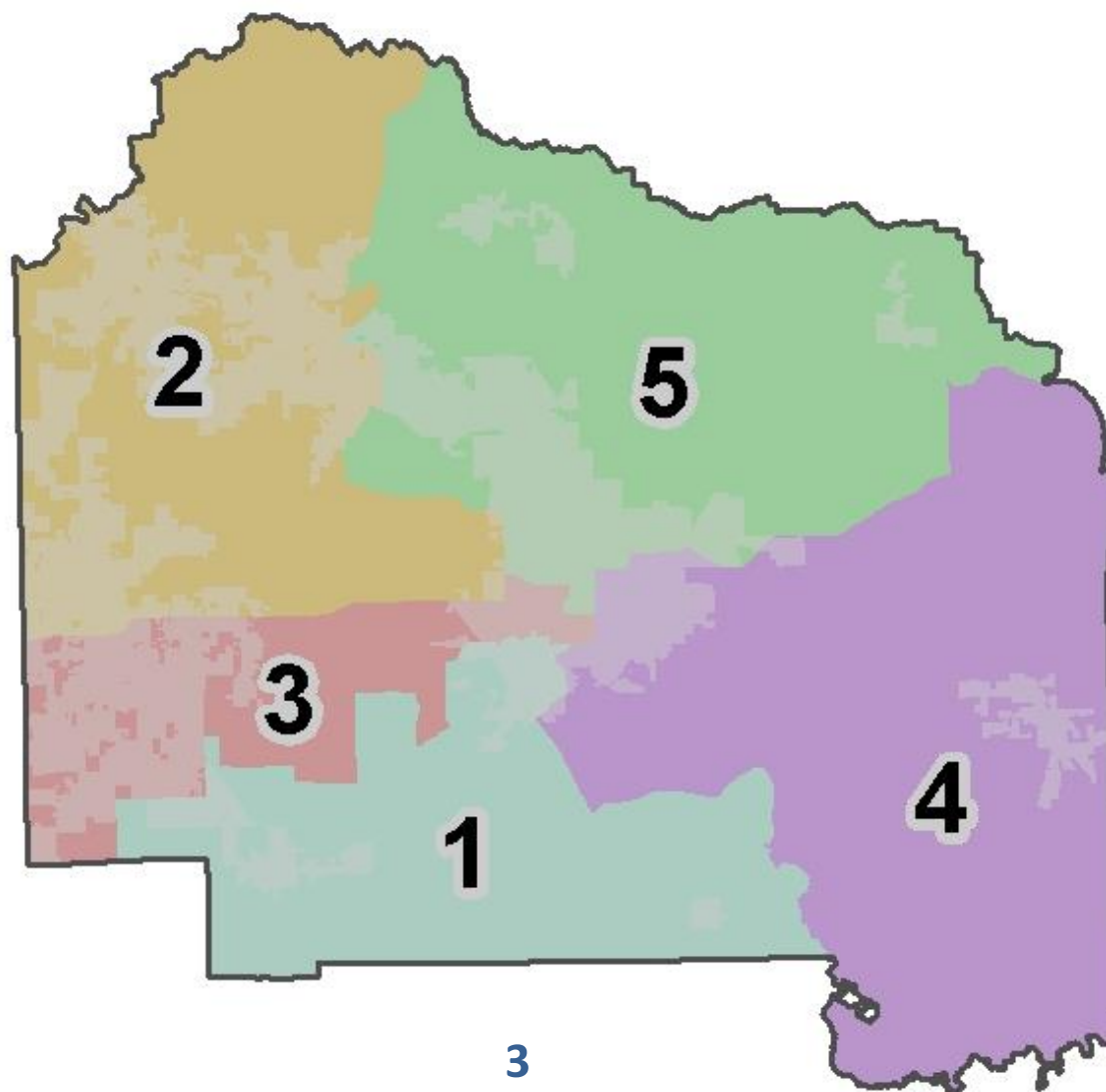
(1) Amendments to this home rule charter may be proposed by ordinance adopted by the board of county commissioners by an affirmative vote of a majority plus one (1) of the membership of the board of county commissioners. Each proposed amendment shall embrace but one (1) subject and matter directly connected therewith. Each proposed amendment shall only become effective upon approval by a majority of the electors of Alachua County voting in a referendum at the next general election. The board of county commissioners shall give public notice of such referendum election at least ninety (90) days prior to the general election referendum date.

(2) If approved by a majority of those electors voting on the amendment at the general election, the amendment shall become effective on the date specified in the amendment, or, if not so specified, on January 1 of the succeeding year.

2024 Board-Initiated Charter Amendment Timeline

Steps	Target Date or Deadline
#1 – Authorization to Advertise	Today
#2 – Properly noticed (legal notice webpage & newspaper) public hearing	June 11, 2024
#3 – Notify Supervisor of Elections of adopted ordinance	By June 15, 2024
#4 – Submit ordinance (with Spanish translation) to Supervisor of Elections	By August 1, 2024
#5 – Notice public (legal notice webpage & newspaper) as required by charter (Sec. 4.2(C)(1), Alachua County Charter)	By August 7, 2024 (at least 90 days before election)
#6 - Notice public (legal notice webpage & newspaper) as required by statute (Sec. 100.342, Fla. Stat.)	Week of... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 30th (5 weeks ahead of election); and October 14th (3 weeks ahead of election)
#6 – Election	November 5, 2024
#7 – If approved, effective date	January 1, 2025 (unless otherwise noted in ordinance)

2024 Board-Initiated Charter Amendment – Districts



2024 Board-Initiated Charter Amendment Referendum

AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS ON AN AT LARGE BASIS

Shall the five members of the board of county commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, be elected by all electors within the county at large?

_____ YES

_____ NO

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Section 2.2(A). Legislative branch.

A. The county commission. The governing body of the county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five (5) members serving staggered terms of four (4) years. There shall be one (1) commissioner for each of five (5) county commission districts established pursuant to general law and they shall be elected ~~by the qualified electors of that district~~ on a countywide basis by the electors of the county. Each candidate for the office of county commissioners shall reside within the district from which such candidate seeks election at the time of qualified to run for that office, and during the term of office each commissioner shall reside in the district from which such commissioner ran office, provided that any commissioner who is removed from a district by redistricting may continue to serve during the balance of the term of office

2024 Board-Initiated Charter Amendment Motion

To adopt ordinance...

authorize advertisement of the presented ordinance for public hearing to consider the placement of a referendum question on the November 2024 ballot which would, if approved by the majority of qualified electors of Alachua County voting in the referendum, amend the charter to return to at-large voting for all county commission members.



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Questions?