

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE 2023-2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER TO PROVIDE: FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER TO REMOVE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY’S DESIGNATED “RURAL AREA,” AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER; FOR A REFERENDUM; FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Section 4.2(B), Seminole County Home Rule Charter, provides that a Charter Review Commission periodically shall review the Charter, and propose amendments which may be advisable for placement on the general election ballot for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, hearings have been held to inform the public and receive suggestions regarding this and other amendments proposed to be made to the Seminole County Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Home Rule Charter provides Seminole County with all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with the Constitution and law of Florida; and

WHEREAS, passage of this Resolution will allow the voters of Seminole County to adopt or reject the Amendment proposed herein at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2023-2024 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1 – Adoption of Amendments:

Subject to the approval of the electors at the general election on November 5, 2024, as required by the Constitution, Laws of Florida, and Section 4.2(B) of the Seminole County Home Rule Charter, the Seminole County Home Rule Charter is amended at Article V to read as follows (with additions being shown as underlined and deletions being shown as ~~strike throughs~~):

Section 5.2 Rural Boundary and Rural Area.

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B. Removal of Property from Rural Area.

The Board of County Commissioners may remove property from the “Rural Area” and amend the Rural Boundary accordingly, by ordinance whenever, in the opinion of the Board, such a change is necessary. Any vote to remove property from the Rural Area, however, shall only be by Supermajority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. Nothing herein shall authorize the County Commission to expand the “Rural Area” beyond the area contained in the above referenced legal description.

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E. Definition. Supermajority Vote. The requirement that, for the Board of County Commissioners to take action on a matter pending before them, at least a majority plus one of entire membership of the Board of County Commissioners must vote in the affirmative to take such action.

Section 2. Referendum.

On November 5, 2024, a general election shall be held in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of Florida, and Section 4.2(B)(5) of the Seminole County Home Rule Charter, in conjunction with the general election. The ballot pertaining to this proposed Charter Amendment shall read as follows:

Question 2 Ballot Title

Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to remove property from the County’s Rural Area

Question 2 Ballot Summary

Shall the Seminole County Charter be revised to require the vote of a Supermajority (i.e., a majority plus one) of the members of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners in order to remove property from that portion of the County that is designated as “Rural Area”?

YES _____

NO _____

Section 3 – Effective Date:

If approved by a majority of electors voting on the matter, this Charter Amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be incorporated into the Charter with any necessary renumbering or re-lettering of its provisions.

Section 4 – Submission to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida:

This Resolution and proposed amendment shall be delivered to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, in accordance with Section 4.2(B)(5), Seminole County Home Rule Charter, for placement on the general election ballot to be held on November 5, 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Seminole County Charter Review Commission on
this __ day of _____, 2024.

By: John Horan

Chairman, Seminole County Charter Review Commission