2020
Charter Review Commission Discussion

Orange County Board of County Commissioners

December 4, 2018

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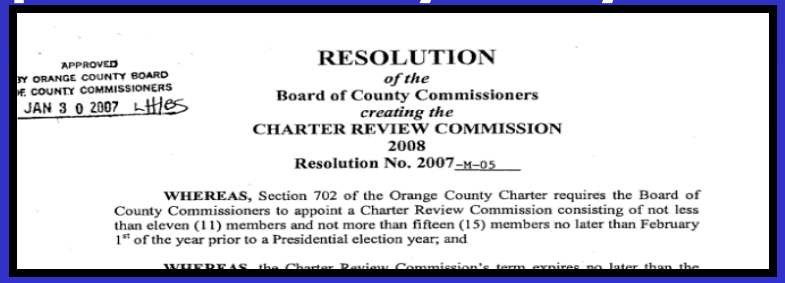
Charter Review Commission History

- 1968 Florida Constitution gave charter counties "all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors"
- Twenty charter counties – over 75% of the state's population

Charter Review Commission History

- November 1986 - Orange County Charter approved by voters
  - Effective January 1, 1987
- The first charter mirrored the existing county government at the time, with five at-large commission members
  - Provided for single-member district referendum in the 1988 general election
  - Created a Charter Review Commission (CRC)
    - Appointed no later than September 1987 with recommendations by August 1988
    - Thereafter, to be appointed on 4-year cycles
    - Last CRC was 2016



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RESOLUTION
of the
Board of County Commissioners
creating the
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
2008
Resolution No. 2007-M-05

WHEREAS, Section 702 of the Orange County Charter requires the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Charter Review Commission consisting of not less than eleven (11) members and not more than fifteen (15) members no later than February 1st of the year prior to a Presidential election year; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission's term expires no later than the

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Charter Review Commission Purpose

- Three methods to propose charter changes
  - Board of County Commissioners
  - Citizen petition
  - Charter Review Commission

All must be approved by referendum

- CRC is "empowered to conduct a comprehensive study of any or all phases of county government"

Charter Review Commission Purpose

- CRC has convened eight times since inception
- CRC charter changes include:
  - Creation of 6 single-member county commission districts with a county mayor
  - Creation of Preservation Districts
  - Term limits, succession plans, dates for taking office, non-partisan elections
  - County minimum standards effective within municipalities regarding adult entertainment, environment, gambling

Charter Review Commission Purpose

- Other areas of CRC impact:
  - Consolidation of Services Study Committee
  - Citizen's Review Board
  - Certain Constitutional offices becoming County offices
  - Ethics provisions
  - Audit provisions
- Majority of CRC proposals have been approved by voters

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Charter Review Commission Structure & Obligations

- Between 11-15 members
  - Must be county electors
  - No elected officials
- Convene on a 4-year cycle
  - Appointed no later than February 1 of the year prior to a presidential election
  - Must adjourn no later than Monday following the general election

Charter Review Commission Structure & Obligations

- Proposed amendments and revisions are placed on the ballot at a general election
  - Report of proposed changes to Clerk of BCC
  - An analysis of costs or revenues that might result and financial impact statement for each proposal
  - CRC must hold at least four public hearings to present proposals

Charter Review Commission Structure and Obligations

- **Member Requirements:**
  - **Attendance at meetings from February 2019 until Sept/Oct 2020**
    - **one to three meetings per month**
    - **variety of public hearing locations**
  - **Compliance with Sunshine, public records and financial disclosure laws**
  - **Ability to receive/respond to electronic notifications and documents**

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Charter Review Commission Next Steps

- Resolution to establish the 2020 Charter Review Commission scheduled on January 15 BCC meeting
  - Appointment of members
  - Set dates for first three meetings
  - Establish funding
  - Appointee names to Agenda Development by January 4

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