

LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 26-⁰⁸

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SUBSECTION 5.2.(2), ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS BY CITIZEN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE."; PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE POSED TO THE LEON COUNTY ELECTORATE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION FORM; PROVIDING FOR FURTHER AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY VOTING ON THE REFERENDUM.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to enact an ordinance amending Article V, Subsection 5.2.(2) of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, relating to Amendments and Revisions by Citizen Charter Review Committee; and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Amendment to Charter.

Article V, Subsection 5.2.(2) of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Amendments and Revisions by Citizen Charter Review Committee.

(A) A Citizen Charter Review Committee shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners at least twelve (12) months before the general election occurring every eight (8) years thereafter, to be composed and organized in a manner to be determined by the Board of County Commissioners, to review the Home Rule Charter and propose any amendments or revisions which may be advisable for placement on the general election ballot. Three public hearings shall be conducted by a Citizen Charter Review Committee prior to delivery of the final report and recommended amendments to the Home Rule Charter to the Board of County Commissioners. ~~as provided by F.S. § 125.63.~~

(B) No later than one hundred fifty (150) ~~ninety (90)~~ days prior to the general election, the Citizen Charter Review Committee shall deliver to the Board of County Commissioners the proposed amendments or revisions, if any, to the Home Rule Charter, and the Board of County Commissioners shall consider such amendments or revisions to be placed on the general election ballot, in accordance with F.S. § 125.64. Notice of the referendum on the proposed charter amendments shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days before the election.

(C) If the Citizen Charter Review Committee does not submit any proposed Charter amendments or revisions to the Board of County Commissioners at least one hundred fifty (150) ~~ninety (90)~~ days prior to the general election, the Citizen Charter Review Committee shall be automatically dissolved.

Section 2. Ballot Question to be Presented to Electorate.

The proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, shall be presented to the qualified Leon County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt the same on the ballot at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 3. Ballot Question Form.

The question on the ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

REMOVE AND REPLACE OUTDATED STATUTORY REFERENCES AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Question

Shall the Leon County Charter be amended to remove outdated statutory references related to the establishment of a Charter, specify public hearing and notice requirements to consider amending the Charter, and require the Citizen Charter Review Committee to submit its recommendations 150 days before the general election to provide additional time for the Board and residents of Leon County to consider proposed charter amendments?

Yes for Approval _____

No for Rejection _____

Section 4. Further Authorization.

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, is authorized to adopt all ordinances and take all actions necessary in order for this Charter Amendment referendum to be properly placed on the ballot for the general election of November 3, 2026. Said referendum shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing referendum elections in the State of Florida.

Section 5. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, section, or portion of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date.

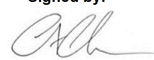
This Ordinance shall take effect upon being filed with the Florida Department of State, but shall be of no further force or effect if the proposed Charter Amendment is not duly approved at the November 3, 2026 General Election. The amendment to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, as proposed by this Ordinance, shall become effective January 1, 2027, if the Charter Amendment is approved by a “yes” vote by a majority of those duly qualified electors voting on the question posed at the November 3, 2026 referendum.

DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 9th day of June, 2026.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signed by:

By:



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Christian Caban, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:

Gwen Knight, Clerk of Court
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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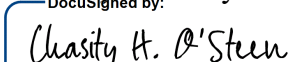
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney
Leon County Attorney's Office

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