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RESOLUTION 2010-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM FOUR TO FIVE; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AT LARGE DISTRICTS FROM THREE TO FOUR; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSITION SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR REAPPORTIONMENT; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Upon motion by Charter Review Board member _____, seconded by Charter Review Board member _____, the following Resolution was adopted by _____ to _____ vote with member(s) _____ voting "No." Charter Review Board Member(s) _____ being absent.

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Board of Hillsborough County has conducted a thorough study of the Charter of Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, during this study, the Charter Review Board discussed and debated expanding the number of county commissioners from seven to nine members; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Board believes that an expansion of the number of county commissioners will allow for greater representation of the citizens of Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Board believes that having five at large and four single member districts will continue to allow the voters of Hillsborough County to elect a majority of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Board believes voters of Hillsborough County should be given the opportunity to decide whether they want to increase the number of county commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. Section 4.03 of the Hillsborough County Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.03. Districts. The territory of ~~three~~ four districts shall embrace the entire territory of the county and be designated as districts 5, 6, ~~and 7~~, 8 and 9 respectively. The territory of ~~four~~ five districts shall be established by dividing all of the county into ~~four~~ five separate areas, designated as districts 1 through ~~4~~ 5 respectively, as nearly equal in population as practicable.

2. Section 4.05 of the Hillsborough County Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.05. Election and Term of Office. Except as provided herein, all elections for the board of county commissioners shall be as provided for county commissioners in non-charter counties. Each commissioner from districts 1 through ~~4~~ 5 shall be elected by the electors residing in the district for which the commissioner qualifies. Each commissioner from districts 6 through ~~7~~ 9 shall be elected by all electors of the county. Each commissioner shall be elected for a term of four years, except as provided for initial commissioners in the transition article and except that, in order to reflect population shifts between decennial censuses as quickly as possible, in 2012 and every ten years thereafter the commissioners to be elected from districts 1, 3 and 5 ~~and 3~~ shall be elected for terms of two years and in ~~1992~~ 2014 and every ten years thereafter the commissioners to be elected from districts 2 and 4 shall be elected for terms of two years. Terms of office shall commence on the second Tuesday following the general election at which the commissioner was elected.

3. Section 4.06 of the Hillsborough County Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4.06. Reapportionment. Within 120 days after the certification of the federal decennial census, the board of county commissioners shall reapportion districts 1 through ~~4~~ 5. Before doing so, the board of county commissioners shall cause an accurate description of the proposed new boundaries of such districts to be entered upon its minutes and a certified copy thereof to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county. The notice shall include the date of the meeting at which the board shall consider such boundaries and take testimony from the public regarding boundary changes. Proof of such publication shall be entered on the minutes of the board. The publication of the notice shall be for information only and shall not be jurisdictional. Whenever the boundaries of the existing districts are changed, the board shall cause its clerk to furnish the Department of State with a certified copy of its minutes, reflecting the description of the boundaries of the district, as changed.

4. Section 10.03 of the Hillsborough County Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

~~**Section 10.03. Initial Commissioners. Charter Amendment of 2010.**~~

~~By November 15, 1983, December 31, 2011, the board of county commissioners shall establish the apportionment of districts 1 through 4 5 under procedures provided in section 4.06 and using the 1980 2010 federal decennial census population figures. At the 1984 2012 general elections commissioners from districts 1 through 4 5 and district 6 7 shall be elected, with the terms of the new commissioners from districts 1 and 3 to be for two years only and the terms of commissioners from districts 2, 4 and 6 to be for four years. The commissioners from districts 2 and 4 as drawn in 1981, who were elected by county wide vote in 1982, shall serve as the commissioners from districts 5 and 7 respectively until the second Tuesday following the 1986 general election, but if either is not in office at the beginning of qualification in 1984, then a commissioner for new district 5 or 7, as the case may be, shall be elected in the initial election for a term of 2 years. The Board of County Commissioners shall reapportion districts 5 through 7 by November 1, 2003 for purposes of the 2004 and subsequent general elections. Commissioners from district 5 through 7 in office at the time of the reapportionment required by November 1, 2003, shall be permitted to finish their terms in the same manner as if their district had not been reapportioned.~~

THE TRANSITION SHEDULE LANGUAGE WILL BE FINALIZED AND PLACED HERE

5.. ***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Supervisor of Elections is requested to place the following heading and question upon the ballot at the next general election in Hillsborough County in accordance with Chapter 101, Florida Statutes and other relevant laws.

Ballot Title

A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHARTER FROM SEVEN TO NINE MEMBERS

Ballot Question

Shall the Hillsborough County Charter be amended to expand the number of board of county commissioners from seven to nine members, increasing the number of single member districts from four to five, and increasing the number of at large district from three to four, and providing for reapportionment and a transition schedule?

_____ Yes

_____ No

6. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
7. The Amendment to the Charter shall be effective, if and only if, approved by the majority of the electors at the next general election in Hillsborough County.

DONE AND RESOLVED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

**CHARTER REVIEW BOARD
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

I, Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at its _____ meeting of _____, 2010, as the same appears of record in Minute Book _____ of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this __ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK,
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form
and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney