



Lee County Charter

Lee County Ordinance No. 08-15
(As Adopted - June 24, 2008)

Article II – Section 2.2

Organization of County Government

Section 2.2: 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 Commissioner for each of the five (5) County Commission districts established pursuant to general law and they shall be elected in a partisan election on a county-wide basis by the electors of the County. Each County Commissioner during the term of office shall reside in the district from which such County Commissioner ran for office, provided that any County Commissioner who is removed from a district by redistricting may continue to serve during the balance of the term of office.



Board of County Commissioners

Option A:

Board initiated revision to the Lee County
Charter Ordinance No. 08-15

- Amendments may be proposed by ordinance enacted by the Board by an affirmative vote of a simple majority.
- Such referendum must be voted on at a general election (2014)
- If approved by voters the amendment would become effective January 1st of the succeeding year.



Board of County Commissioners

Option B:

Charter Review Commission Initiated Revision

- Proposed amendments to the Charter that receives an affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) approval of the entire Charter Review Commission shall be submitted to the County Commission for consideration.
- Proposed amendments that receives an affirmative vote of four-fifths (4/5) approval of the entire Charter Review Commission shall be placed directly on the next general election ballot by the County Commission.
- If approved by voters the amendment would become effective January 1st of the succeeding year.



General Election 2016

Charter Review Commission to be Appointed

- 18 Months prior to Election
- Board to Appoint Commission by March 2015, no later than April 2015
- No later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the general election, the Charter Review Commission shall deliver to the Board, those revisions or amendments to the Charter approved by the Charter Review Commission by three-fifths (3/5) votes



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Option C:

Amendments by Petition

- Petition amendments must be signed by at least seven percent (7%) of the electors qualified to vote in the last preceding general election.
- The Charter amendment proposed by petition shall be placed on the ballot by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners for the next general election.
- If approved by voters the amendment would become effective January 1st of the succeeding year.



WHAT'S NEXT

- **Direct Staff to Set Public Hearing to Amend Ordinance**
- **Wait until Charter Review Commission Reviews Charter and Makes Recommendations to Board**

