

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No. **V**

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A _____ ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, _____, 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT: EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVOTE FULL-TIME SERVICE TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND HOLD NO OTHER EMPLOYMENT; NO LONGER RECEIVE THEIR CURRENT \$6,000 ANNUAL SALARY ESTABLISHED IN 1957, BUT RECEIVE INSTEAD THE SALARY PROVIDED BY STATE STATUTORY FORMULA, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BASED ON THE COUNTY'S POPULATION (CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY \$91,995), AND USED BY OTHER FLORIDA COUNTIES, INCLUDING BROWARD COUNTY; AND SHALL SERVE NO MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN OFFICE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County established an annual salary of \$6,000 for County Commissioners in 1957, when the County's Home Rule Charter was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the demands of the position of County Commissioner have grown substantially, while the salary has remained the same; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is now the most populous county in the State of Florida with a population of over 2.3 million residents and a budget in excess of \$7.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, other counties in the State of Florida compensate their Commissioners pursuant to a state statutory formula based on population,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A countywide special election, to be held in conjunction with a _____ election, is hereby called and shall be held in Miami-Dade County, Florida on Tuesday,

_____, 2008, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County the proposal for amendment to the Home Rule Charter in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Notice of such election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The result of such election shall be determined by a majority of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such election. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida shall be entitled to vote at said election. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections until thirty (30) days prior to the date of such election, at which time the registration books will close in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The question shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT
RELATING TO SALARIES, SERVICE, AND TERM LIMITS
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

- DEVOTE FULL-TIME SERVICE TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND HOLD NO OTHER EMPLOYMENT;
- NO LONGER RECEIVE THE \$6,000 ANNUAL SALARY ESTABLISHED IN 1957, BUT RECEIVE INSTEAD THE SALARY PROVIDED BY STATE STATUTORY FORMULA, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY THE COUNTY'S POPULATION (CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY \$91,995), USED BY OTHER FLORIDA COUNTIES, INCLUDING BROWARD COUNTY; AND
- SERVE NO MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN OFFICE?

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YES

NO

Section 4. The form of the ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 5. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 6. Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Miami-Dade County for voting on this question. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by general election laws.

Section 7. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear at this election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of general election laws.

Section 8. This special election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Manager, the Finance Director, the Supervisor of Elections and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. This election shall be a nonpartisan election. Election officials in connection with this election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of general election laws.

Section 9. This election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and offered by
Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the
vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this
day of _____, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days
after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective
only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

Wifredo A. Ferrer

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

ARTICLE-1¹

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Section 1.06. SALARY ~~>>~~AND SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER~~<<~~.

Each County Commissioner shall receive a salary ~~[[of \$6,000 per year payable monthly]]~~ ~~>>~~determined pursuant to general law applicable to non-chartered counties~~<<~~ and shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be approved by the Board. ~~>>~~County Commissioners shall devote full-time service to the office of County Commissioner and hold no other employment.~~<<~~

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ARTICLE-3

ELECTIONS

Section 3.01 ELECTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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~~>>~~E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, effective with the term of Commissioners scheduled to commence in 2008 and 2010, no person shall be elected as Commissioner for more than three consecutive four-year terms. No service as a Commissioner prior to 2008 for those elected in 2008 and no service as a Commissioner prior to 2010 for those elected in 2010 shall be considered a part of or counted toward the three term limit.~~<<~~

¹Words stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or ~~>>~~double arrowed~~<<~~ constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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