



MEMORANDUM

Amended
Special Item No. 13

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 24, 2011

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution calling a special election
on whether to amend the Home Rule
Charter to provide that elected
County Charter Officers shall be
prohibited from lobbying the
County for compensation for a
period of two (2) years after
leaving office

Resolution No. R-215-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Lynda Bell, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-24-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-215-11

RESOLUTION CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011, 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 ELECTED COUNTY CHARTER OFFICERS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM LOBBYING THE COUNTY FOR COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE

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 primary election, is hereby called and shall be held in Miami-Dade County, Florida on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 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 twenty-nine (29) 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
PROHIBITING LOBBYING BY ELECTED COUNTY
CHARTER OFFICER AFTER
LEAVING OFFICE

SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTED COUNTY CHARTER OFFICERS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM LOBBYING THE COUNTY FOR COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE?

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 Mayor or his or her designee, the Finance Director, 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 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Lynda Bell, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	aye	
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Carlos A. Gimenez	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day March, 2011. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GBK", is written over a horizontal line.

Geri Bonzon-Keenan

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

ARTICLE-9¹

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Section 9.02. ~~[[RESERVED]] >>PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING.~~

A person who has been elected to any County Charter office shall not accept compensation to encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of any ordinance, resolution, or decision of the County Commission or any action, decision, or recommendation of the County Mayor, County administration, or any County official, board, committee, or instrumentality for a period of two (2) calendar years after leaving office.<<

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.