

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

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


**DATE:** August 23, 2012

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution calling a special election for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to clarify the titles of subsections, correct and update cross-references between provisions, and delete references to offices and agencies which have been abolished

Resolution No. R-653-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

  
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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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8-23-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-653-12

RESOLUTION CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO CLARIFY THE TITLES OF SUBSECTIONS, CORRECT AND UPDATE CROSS-REFERENCES BETWEEN PROVISIONS, AND DELETE REFERENCES TO OFFICES AND AGENCIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Section 9.07 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter desires to place the attached Charter amendment before the electors of Miami-Dade County on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot,

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

Section 1. A countywide special election is hereby called and shall be held in Miami-Dade County, Florida in conjunction with a General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 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:

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO HOME RULE CHARTER

SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THE TITLES OF SUBSECTIONS, CORRECT AND UPDATE CROSS-REFERENCES BETWEEN PROVISIONS, AND DELETE REFERENCES TO OFFICES AND AGENCIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED?

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. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

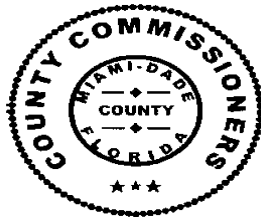
Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			<b>aye</b>
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Lynda Bell	<b>aye</b>
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>
Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>absent</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2012. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 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, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Oren Rosenthal

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER**

**ARTICLE-1<sup>1</sup>**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**SECTION 1.05. FORFEITURE OF OFFICE >>OF COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES<<.**

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**SECTION 1.07. VACANCIES >>IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR COUNTY COMMISSIONER<<.**

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**ARTICLE - 3  
ELECTIONS**

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**SECTION 3.01. ELECTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS >>AND MAYOR<<.**

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**ARTICLE - 5  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION  
AND PROCEDURE**

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**SECTION 5.08. BOARDS.**

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<sup>1</sup>Words 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.

C. Dade County shall retain all its powers, including but not limited to that of eminent domain, in relation to the creation of a county-wide water and sewer system~~[[, for the purpose of cooperating with the Miami Dade Water and Sewer Authority]].~~

**ARTICLE - 6  
MUNICIPALITIES**

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**SECTION 6.03. MUNICIPAL CHARTERS.**

A. Except as provided in Section ~~[[5.04]]~~ >>6.04<<, any municipality in the county may adopt, amend, or revoke a charter for its own government or abolish its existence in the following manner. Its governing body shall, within 120 days after adopting a resolution or after the certification of a petition of ten percent of the qualified electors of the municipality, draft or have drafted by a method determined by municipal ordinance a proposed charter amendment, revocation, or abolition which shall be submitted to the electors of the municipalities. Unless an election occurs not less than 60 nor more than 120 days after the draft is submitted, the proposal shall be submitted at a special election within that time. The governing body shall make copies of the proposal available to the electors not less than 30 days before the election. Alternative proposals may be submitted. Each proposal approved by a majority of the electors voting on such proposal shall become effective at the time fixed in the proposal.

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**SECTION 6.05. CREATION OF NEW MUNICIPALITIES.**

The Board of County Commissioners and only the Board may authorize the creation of new municipalities in the unincorporated areas of the county after hearing the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Board, after a public hearing, and after an affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting and residing within the proposed boundaries. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a charter commission, consisting of five electors residing within the proposed boundaries, who shall propose a charter to be submitted to the electors in the manner provided in Section ~~[[5.03]]~~ >>6.03<<. The new municipality shall have all the powers and rights granted to or not withheld from municipalities by this Charter and the Constitution and general laws of the State of Florida. Notwithstanding any provision of this Charter to the contrary, with regard to any municipality created after September 1, 2000, the pre-agreed conditions between the County and the prospective municipality which are included in the municipal charter can only be changed if approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of County Commissioners then in office, prior to a vote of qualified municipal electors.

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**ARTICLE - 8**

**INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM,  
AND RECALL**

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**SECTION 8.02. RECALL.**

Any member of the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor, >>or<< the Property Appraiser[[, ~~the Sheriff or Constable~~]] maybe removed from office by the electors of the county, district, or municipality by which he was chosen. The procedure on a recall petition shall be identical with that for an initiatory or referendary petition, except that:

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