

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Alachua County; amending the
 3 Alachua County Home Rule Charter to expand the board
 4 of county commissioners to seven members; requiring
 5 the election of five county commissioners in single-
 6 member districts and two county commissioners at
 7 large; providing for a referendum; providing an
 8 effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 2.2(D) of Article II of the Alachua
 13 County Home Rule Charter is amended to read:

14 Sec. 2.2. - Legislative branch.

15 ~~A.D.~~ The county commission. The governing body of the
 16 county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of
 17 seven (7) ~~five (5)~~ members serving staggered terms of four (4)
 18 years. There shall be one (1) commissioner for each of the five
 19 (5) county commission districts established pursuant to general
 20 law and they shall be elected by the qualified electors of that
 21 district. There shall be two (2) at-large commissioners elected
 22 on a countywide basis by the electors of the county. Each
 23 candidate for the office of county commissioner shall reside
 24 within the district from which such candidate seeks election at
 25 the time of qualifying to run for that office, and during the

26 | term of office each commissioner shall reside in the district
 27 | from which such commissioner ran for office, provided that any
 28 | commissioner who is removed from a district by redistricting may
 29 | continue to serve during the balance of the term of office.

30 | Section 2. Referendum election.—

31 | (1) The referendum election called for by this act shall
 32 | be held on November 8, 2022, the 2022 General Election.

33 | (2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be
 34 | in substantially the following form:

35 | AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO EXPAND COUNTY
 36 | COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND PROVIDE FOR ELECTIONS

37 | (3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot
 38 | in substantially the following form:

39 | Shall the board of county commissioners of Alachua
 40 | County, Florida, be increased from five to seven
 41 | members, with five of the seven members to be elected
 42 | to office from single-member districts by qualified
 43 | electors residing in each of those districts only, and
 44 | with the two remaining members to be elected by all
 45 | electors of the county at large?

46 | () YES.

47 | () NO.

48 | (4) In the event this question is answered affirmatively
 49 | by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the
 50 | referendum, the charter amendment will take effect. The

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51 referendum election shall be conducted by the Supervisor of
52 Elections of Alachua County in accordance with the Florida
53 Election Code.

54 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval by
55 a majority vote of the qualified electors of Alachua County
56 voting in a referendum conducted in accordance with the
57 provisions of law relating to elections currently in force,
58 except this section and section 2 shall take effect upon
59 becoming a law.