



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Jared E. Moskowitz

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution to place a proposed amendment to the Broward County Charter on the ballot for the November 8, 2022, General Election, amending various sections of the Broward County Charter to establish a countywide elected Mayor, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO AMEND THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTYWIDE ELECTED MAYOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Jared Moskowitz)

Why Action is Necessary

The Broward County Charter authorizes the County Commission to propose amendments to the Broward County Charter, subject to referendum of the general electorate.

What Action Accomplishes

Places a referendum on the ballot that, if approved by the voters, would establish a countywide elected mayor.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

This Resolution proposes an amendment to the Broward County Charter that, to be effective, must be approved by the Broward County electorate during the 2022 General Election. If approved, the proposal would establish the Broward County Mayor as a Charter Office elected countywide beginning in November 2024.

Under this proposed amendment, the Mayor would be the ceremonial head of the County and would have other powers as provided in the Charter, including the authority to declare a state of emergency or to terminate a declared emergency, although the Board would retain final decision-making power regarding the declaration of emergencies, terminating such declarations, and actions taken during

declared emergencies. The Mayor would not be a member of the Board of County Commissioners but would have the power to speak on items before the County Commission. The Mayor would also be able to meet and speak with individual Commissioners, subject to applicable law, including the Sunshine Law, outside of noticed public meetings.

The current Offices of Mayor and Vice-Mayor would be retitled the "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" respectively.

Six affirmative votes are required to place this proposed Charter amendment on the ballot.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Pursuant to Section 11.07 of the Broward County Charter, the County Auditor will be submitting a fiscal impact summary as additional material.