



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Tim Ryan

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 Sections 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, and 2.04 of the Broward County Charter to establish a countywide elected Mayor, the title of which is as follows: (Commissioner Ryan) **(Deferred from May 18, 2021 - Item No. 53)**

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.

Why Action is Necessary

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

What Action Accomplishes

Places a referendum on the ballot that would approve the creation of a countywide elected mayor.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

This item was discussed by the Board on May 18, 2021, and subsequently postponed to the Board's June 1, 2021, meeting. In the interim, the County Attorney's Office will be working with Board members to prepare proposed amendments. The amendments proposed by the sponsoring Commissioner will be tracked in a revised Resolution that will be distributed as additional material.

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. The Mayor would have a salary of \$220,000 (subsequently adjusted for

inflation), be limited to two consecutive four-year terms, and be prohibited from holding outside employment. The duties and obligations of the Mayor stated in the current Charter would be otherwise unchanged.

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 has reviewed the proposed amendment to the Charter and determined that the amendment would result in additional costs in the amount of approximately \$707,000 per year (Exhibit 2).