

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2026

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Office of the County Auditor

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Advisory No. 418

Date: August 6, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

From: Robert Melton, County Auditor

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Subject: Estimated Financial Impact of Proposed Charter Amendment on the 2026 General Election Ballot – Revised Process for Selecting the County Auditor

As required by the Charter of Broward County (Article XI, Section 11.07), we estimated the projected financial impact of the proposed Broward County Charter amendment set forth for voter consideration at the 2026 General Election. Our objective was to prepare a financial impact statement estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the County that would result from the proposed Charter amendment, if approved. This Advisory Memorandum does not represent an audit or attestation conducted pursuant to government auditing standards.

To estimate the financial impact of the proposed Charter amendment, as applicable, we consulted with appropriate County staff and the County Attorney's Office and developed assumptions relative to the amendment requirements. The financial impact analysis and statement contained in this Advisory Memorandum contemplate only the required and determinable activities of the proposed Charter amendment.

Background

The Charter of Broward County, effective January 1, 1975, is the central document that defines the duties, responsibilities, and general structure of Broward County government. Any proposed change(s) to the Charter must be approved by the voters of Broward County. Charter changes may be proposed to the voters by the Board of County Commissioners, the Charter Review Commission, or through an initiative of the people.

Proposed Charter Amendment: Revised Process for Selecting the County Auditor

Ballot Question:

“Currently under the Broward County Charter, an independent board nominates one individual for County Auditor, and the County Commission ratifies that selection upon determining the nominee is qualified. Should the Charter be amended to provide that the independent board nominates three individuals, thereby enabling the County Commission to appoint as County Auditor the qualified nominee it determines is best able to serve in that position?”

Financial Impact Statement:

It is estimated that this amendment will have no financial impact to Broward County.

Amendment Requirements:

The amendment to the County Charter would not place requirements on Broward County that result in a financial impact.

Assumptions/Expectations:

None

Revenue/Cost Estimates:

None

cc: Monica Cepero, County Administrator
Andrew Meyers, County Attorney