

2021-2022

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT:

PETITIONER CONTACT:

REQUESTED ACTION:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND:

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

Section 2.7 Vacancies and Suspensions

A vacancy in the office of County Commissioner arising from the death, resignation or removal of such official shall, if one year or less remains in the term of office, be filled by appointment of the Governor unless otherwise required by the State Constitution or general law, be filled by a special election; provided, a vacancy created by recall shall be filled as provided in Section 5.2 of this Charter. Unless otherwise required by the State Constitution or general law, if more than one year remains in the term of office at the time the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election. The Board of County Commissioners, after first consulting with the Supervisor of Elections, shall by resolution fix the time period for candidate qualifying, the date of the election, and the date of any runoff election. There shall be a minimum of thirty (30) days between the close of gualifying and the date of the election, and between the election and any runoff election. Such special elections shall otherwise be governed by the applicable provisions of general law. If less than one hundred twenty (120) days remains in the term of office at the time the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of County Commissioners.

Appointment process: The county commissioners shall advertise for interested applicants that qualify for the requirements of the vacant office. The applications must be submitted within 2 weeks of the advertisement of the vacancy. A Special Commission meeting shall be scheduled to occur 1 week following the application deadline. Applicants and members of the public shall be permitted to comment during the public comment portion of the appointment agenda item of the Special Meeting. Each commissioner will review the applicants and score them from one to ten. Staff will tabulate the ranking scores of the applicants and fill the vacancy with the applicant receiving the highest total number ranking. In the event of multiple applicants receiving the highest ranking, the County Commissioners will vote as a board on the remaining applicants by simple majority. The effective date of office shall be immediately following the vote.