

**Public Hearings on
Sections 602 & 603
Charter Amendment Ordinances**



**Board of County Commissioners
July 29, 2014**



Presentation Outline

- **Background**
- **Summary of Charter Amendment Ordinances**
- **Public Comment, Board Discussion, Questions & Action**



Background



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- **Commissioner Brummer originally proposed several Charter amendments in February**
- **Board Discussion on March 11, 2014**
- **Board Work Session on April 8, 2014**
 - **Board directed that four (4) charter amendment ordinances be scheduled for public hearing**



Background (cont'd)

- **Public hearings conducted on May 6, 2014**
- **Amendments to Sections 602 & 603 of the Charter contained in one (1) ordinance**
- **Ordinance also contained several additional revisions not currently under consideration**
- **Board directed that future public hearings be scheduled for separate consideration of the proposed amendments to Sections 602 & 603**



Summary of Charter Amendment Ordinances



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Amendment to Section 602, Procedure for Initiative & Referendum

- **Supervisor of Elections verifies signatures obtained on charter and ordinance initiative petition**
- **Within 30 days of verification, Board to call referendum on the proposed petition**
 - **CURRENT:** Referendum called at next election at least 45 days after adoption of Board resolution
 - **PROPOSED:** Referendum called at next election at least 150 days after adoption of Board resolution



Summary of Charter Amendment Ordinances (Cont'd)

Amendment to Section 603, Limitation

- **Charter and Ordinance Petition Initiatives shall not extend to regulation of:**
 - **Employer wages, benefits or hours of work**
 - **Encumbrance or allocation of tax revenues**
 - **Not currently authorized**
 - **Conditioned on change in law**
 - **Abbreviation of term of office**



Summary of Charter Amendment Ordinances (Cont'd)

Amendment to Section 603, Limitation (Cont'd)

- **Board prohibited from:**
 - **Calling referendum on adoption of proposed initiative deemed violative of Charter limitations or Florida law**
 - **Declaring enacted any ordinance deemed violative of Charter limitations**
- **Previous referendum on initiative violating Charter limitations or Florida law is retroactively rescinded and rendered void**



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