

Charter Review Amendment Proposal Report

1. **All locally elected offices shall be non-partisan in nature. Election Procedures: Races by which there are only 2 candidates will be settled in the general election, if 3 or more candidates qualify, any candidate receiving 50% +1 of the votes in the Primary shall be deemed the winner, if no candidate reaches 50% + 1, then the top 2 vote receivers shall go forward to the General Election.**

This proposal was developed as a means to help reduce "Partisan Politics" in Wakulla County.

Due to the possibility of elections being settled in the Primary, a positive impact to the County Budget could be received. This proposal should have no negative impact on the County Budget compared to current procedures.

The impact on existing County laws, practices, and procedures will be minimal as this proposal follows closely the voting procedures utilized for the School Board races.

2. **Residency Requirements: Proposes criteria that candidates verify their residency in a particular District 6 months before qualifying. Includes providing a sworn oath, and then 3 other forms of verification: Drivers License, Florida ID, Proof of Residency (homestead, signed lease agreement, etc), voter registration card, or vehicle registration card.**

This proposal seeks to further clarify the candidacy requirements established in the Charter.

This proposal should have minimal if any effects to the County Budget.

The impact on existing County laws, practices, and procedures will be minimal.

3. **The BOCC Shall Adopt And Adhere To A Debt Policy.**

This proposal would require an annual debt policy be established and adhered to by the BOCC. This proposal was proposed as a means to require the BOCC to look at how they will manage debt each fiscal year, so as to alleviate the possibility of allowing the County to become financially unstable due to debt.

This proposal could have positive impacts on the County Budget if debt related costs are averted.

The impact on existing County laws, practices, and procedures will be minimal.

4. The BOCC Shall Adhere To The County Fund Balance Policy.

This proposal would require the BOCC to adhere to the Fund Balance Policy already enacted by the BOCC. This proposal was brought forth as a means to ensure that the Fund Balance Policies already established are adhered to by the BOCC.

This proposal could have positive impacts on the County Budget if fund balance related costs are averted. Otherwise, no impact to the County Budget is envisioned.

The impact on existing County laws, practices, and procedures will be minimal.