

El Dorado County Charter

Section 210. Powers and Duties.

Except as provided for in subsection (c) herein below, the Board of Supervisors shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties vested in it by the Constitution, general law, and this charter.

a. The Board shall:

(1) Adopt a statement of the goals of the county reflecting the quality and direction of the activities of county government for the enhancement of human and physical resources of the county. At least annually, prior to the end of the first quarter of the calendar year, the Board shall review the adopted goals and modify them as necessary.

(2) Appoint or remove the Chief Administrative Officer. At least once each year, the Board shall review and evaluate the Chief Administrative Officer's performance. The Board shall (1) review, and (2) accept, reject or modify all performance evaluations performed by the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to section 304(h) of this charter.

(3) Appoint or remove members of boards and commissions. Except as otherwise provided for herein, or by superseding federal or state law, the members of all county boards and commissions shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. Except as otherwise provided for herein, non-elected department heads shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. Appoint, suspend, or remove all department heads except those for whose election or appointment this charter makes other provision. Appointments shall be made on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications as determined by screening and selection procedures comparable to those used for classified management personnel.

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(4) Adopt the annual budget.

(5) Provide for the number, powers and duties of all appointed officers and employees.

(6) Establish by ordinance or resolution the compensation of other officers and employees.

(7) Provide for publication of the powers, duties, procedures and rules of operation of all county offices and departments and for public access to such publications.

(8) Take such measures as may be necessary to implement this charter.

(9) Adopt a uniform format that, as a minimum, shall provide for responses to findings and recommendations of reports of the Grand Jury pursuant to Section 933 et seq. of the Penal Code.

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(10) Adopt a policy as to financial participation paid by the county for its officers and employees in non-county organizations, and require public disclosure of the cost to the county of such participation.

(11) At least once each year, the Board shall review and evaluate the County Counsel's performance.

[Added by Charter Amendment ratified November 7, 1995, effective January 26, 1996; Stats. 1996, ch. 2]

(12) The Board of Supervisors shall adopt a policy and procedures for wide distribution of the Grand Jury Final Report and the Board of Supervisors Response to the Final Report.

[Added by Charter Amendment ratified June 2, 1998, effective July 29, 1998, Stats. 1998, ch.2]

b. The Board may.

(1) Create, abolish, consolidate, segregate, assign or transfer the powers and duties of any appointive office, department, division, board or commission to the extent not in conflict with this charter.

(2) Consolidate, segregate, assign or transfer the powers and duties of any elective office or division thereof to the extent authorized by general law and not in conflict with this charter.

(3) Appoint, suspend and remove a Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

(4) Require periodic or special report of expenditures and costs of operation, examine all records and accounts and inquire into the conduct of any office, commission, department or other entity to which the county contributes funds.

(5) Require the attendance of any officer or employee of the county at any meeting of the Board for the purpose of information, advice and assistance.

(6) Enter into contracts for the performance of work when the Board of Supervisors, or other awarding authority designated in accordance with statutory authority, finds that independent contractors can more economically and feasibly perform work than County employees, or that specially skills are not expressly identified in County classifications, or that the ongoing aggregate of work to be performed is not sufficient to warrant addition of permanent staff.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the County may enter into any contract or agreement in cases of emergency; or with or among any other governmental entities or agencies; or contracts which, by legislative authority, mandate the service be performed by independent contractors; or contracts necessary to protect against conflicts of interest or ensure independent, unbiased findings.

The Board of Supervisors shall adopt an ordinance specifying criteria for entering into such contracts, and specify when competitive bidding procedures for the award of such contracts shall be required.

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