

CURRENT CHARTER

PREAMBLE

We, the people of El Dorado County, with our geographical and cultural diversity, adopt this charter to provide a local government responsive to our social, economic, physical and environmental needs and goals in a democratic, just and efficient manner.

ARTICLE I - POWERS OF THE ELECTORS

101. Elections.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all elections to nominate or elect candidates and to vote on ballot questions shall be conducted pursuant to the general law of the State of California.

Candidates shall pay for the cost of their statement of qualifications in the ballot pamphlet unless the Board of Supervisors determines otherwise.

102. Initiative, Referendum, Recall and Charter Change.

The electors of the county may by majority vote and pursuant to general law:

- a. Exercise the powers of initiative and referendum.
- b. Recall an elected officer who has held office for six months.
- c. Amend, revise or repeal this charter. The general law regarding adopting, amending, revising or repealing a charter apply except as follows:

If a majority of the electors voting at a general or special election vote in favor of the proposed charter or revised charter, it is deemed ratified and it takes effect when filed with the Secretary of State.

An amendment to an existing charter, or the repeal of an existing charter, may be proposed either by the Board of Supervisors or by a petition signed by at least 10% of the electors who voted at the last gubernatorial election. The amendment or repeal is placed before the voters at the next general or special countywide election. Alternatives may be voted on at the same election. If a majority of the electors voting at the election vote in favor of the amendment or repeal, it is deemed ratified and takes effect when filed by the Secretary of State.

If the provisions of two or more measures

approved at the same election conflict, those of the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

200. Governing Body.

The governing body of the county is a Board of Supervisors of five members elected by district.

201. Residence Requirements.

A candidate for election as supervisor shall be an elector in the district and shall have resided in the district prior to nomination for election. Once elected to the office of supervisor, a person shall remain a resident in the district in which they are elected or be deemed to have vacated the office.

202. Term of Offices.

The term of office of supervisor is four years. Board members shall be limited to two consecutive terms. No person elected supervisor may serve as such for more than two successive four year terms. Any person elected to the office of supervisor to complete in excess of two years of a four year term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served one full term upon the expiration of that term. No person having served two successive four year terms may serve as a supervisor until at least four years after the expiration of the second successive term in office. Any supervisor who resigns with less than two full years remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served a full four year term. The above shall not disqualify any person from running for election to the Board of Supervisors for any term or terms which are not successive. The term of office commences at noon on the first Monday after the January 1st succeeding their election.

The supervisor for each of the First, Second and Third Districts shall be elected in 1996. The supervisor for each of the Fourth and Fifth Districts shall be elected in 1994.

[Amended by Charter Amendment ratified November 8, 1994, effective December 27, 1994; Stats. 1994, ch. 18] Amended by Charter Amendment ratified November 4, 2004, effective December 14, 2004, Stats. 2004, ch. 16]

203. Filling of Vacancies.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of supervisor, the unexpired term shall be filled by election.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Charter Review Committee Adopted

9-22-2014

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We the people of El Dorado County, adopt the charter to provide a county government that is responsive to the public safety, infrastructure and other appropriate needs as to be provided by county government in a democratic and just manner.

The people expect that the business of the County will be conducted using equitable methods and that the results shall benefit no individual or group(s) of individuals to the detriment of the people.