



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, on behalf of the Charter Review Committee, recommending the Board receive and file a Report summarizing the Charter Review Committee's recommendations regarding the El Dorado County Charter and provide direction to staff on which recommendations to pursue and return to the Board at a future date with the requested information or proposed ballot measure (s).

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

El Dorado County's Charter Section 701 states that "the Board of Supervisors shall convene a Charter Review Committee within two (2) years of the effective date of this charter and within five (5) years of the last charter review thereafter. The committee shall review the charter and, after at least two (2) public hearings, make recommendations for amendments to or revisions of this charter to the Board." The last Charter Review Committee made their recommendations to the Board on February 6, 2018, with Legistar item 18-0143.

On June 14, 2022, with Legistar item 22-0969, the Board convened a Charter Review Committee and provided direction for the Charter Review Committee to review the following topics: consider any possible Grand Jury reports that relate to the Charter; examine an additional third term in office for Board members excluding current sitting Board members; examine staggered terms for Elected Department Heads; align the County Charter with County Ordinance with regards to the Civil Service Commission; examine increasing the number of Board members from five (5) to seven (7) members; examine term limits for Elected Department Heads; and whether certain Elected Department Heads should be appointed rather than elected.

The Charter Review Committee has prepared a Report outlining their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Attachment A). Representatives of the Charter Review Committee will present their Report to the Board of Supervisors.

County Ordinance Code Section 2.13.50 outlines that the Chief Administrative Officer shall make recommendations on each agenda item brought to the Board except for items from individual Board members or items scheduled for public hearing through the Planning Commission. To comply with 2.13.50, the Chief Administrative Office has prepared Attachment B, outlining the Chief Administrative Officer recommendations regarding the Charter Review Committee's recommendations.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to recommend that staff pursue the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee or direct staff to conduct further analysis and return to the Board.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

See above.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Charter Review Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact related to this item except for the staff time needed to fulfill any Board direction. The Board would need to adopt a Resolution to put a Charter revision to the voters; there would be an approximate cost of \$70,000 for a countywide ballot measure.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

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