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2 An act relating to Pinellas County; amending  
3 Article VI of the Home Rule Charter for  
4 Pinellas County, as created by chapter 80-590,  
5 Laws of Florida; adding s. 6.04 to provide that  
6 any charter amendment proposed by the Pinellas  
7 County Commission pursuant to s. 6.01, by  
8 citizens' initiative under s. 6.02, or by a  
9 Charter Review Commission pursuant to s. 6.03  
10 shall be placed on the ballot for voter  
11 approval or rejection in accordance with the  
12 requirements of the Charter and without  
13 necessity of prior reference to or approval by  
14 the Legislature; providing for a special  
15 referendum; providing a ballot question;  
16 providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Section 6.04 is added to Article VI of the  
21 Home Rule Charter for Pinellas County as created by chapter  
22 80-590, Laws of Florida, to read:

23 ARTICLE VI - CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

24 Section 6.04 Any other section of the Pinellas County  
25 Charter, chapter 80-590, Laws of Florida, notwithstanding,  
26 except for any proposed amendments affecting the status,  
27 duties, or responsibilities of the county officers referenced  
28 in ss. 2.06 and 4.03 of this Charter, charter amendments  
29 proposed under s. 6.01 (proposed by Pinellas County  
30 Commission), s. 6.02 (proposed by citizens' initiative), or s.  
31 6.03 (proposed by a Charter Review Commission) shall be placed

1 directly on the ballot for approval or rejection by the voters  
2 and it shall not be a requirement that any such proposed  
3 amendments need to be referred to or approved by the  
4 Legislature prior to any such placement on the ballot.  
5 However, any charter amendment affecting any change in  
6 function, service, power, or regulatory authority of a county,  
7 municipality, or special district may be transferred to or  
8 performed by another county, municipality, or special district  
9 only after approval by vote of the electors of each transferor  
10 and approval by vote of the electors of each transferee. Such  
11 amendments proposed by the Board of County Commissioners must  
12 be approved by ordinance passed by a majority plus one member.  
13 The power to amend, revise, or repeal this Charter by  
14 citizens' initiative shall not include amendments relating to  
15 the county budget, debt obligations, capital improvement  
16 programs, salaries of county officers and employees, the levy  
17 or collection of taxes, or the rezoning of less than 5 percent  
18 of the total land area of the county.

19 Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of s.  
20 101.161, Florida Statutes, and section 1 of this act, the  
21 supervisor of elections of Pinellas County shall place the  
22 title and substance of the referendum on the ballot as  
23 follows:

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25 CERTAIN PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO GO ON  
26 THE BALLOT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE STATE  
27 LEGISLATURE

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29 Shall Article VI of the Pinellas County Charter be amended by  
30 adding section 6.04 to provide that charter amendments, except  
31 for amendments related to the status of constitutional

1 officers, proposed by the Board of County Commissioners, by  
2 citizens' initiative (with limitations), or by a Charter  
3 Review Commission be placed directly on the ballot for  
4 presentation to the voters without necessity of prior referral  
5 to or approval by the Legislature?

6 .... YES

7 .... NO

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect only upon its  
9 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of  
10 Pinellas County voting in a special referendum election to be  
11 held before November 30, 1999.

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