

By Representative Goode

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to county government; amending
 3 s. 125.61, F.S.; revising requirements relating
 4 to the number of members of a charter
 5 commission and the method of appointment of
 6 such members; specifying additional persons who
 7 may not serve on a charter commission;
 8 providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 125.61, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 125.61 Charter commission.--

15 (2) The charter commission shall be composed of ~~an odd~~
 16 ~~number of not less than 11 or more than 15~~ members. The
 17 members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:~~by~~

18 (a) The board of county commissioners of said county
 19 shall appoint 10 members, except that in Miami-Dade County the
 20 board of county commissioners shall appoint all members.

21 (b) If elected, the clerk of the circuit court, tax
 22 collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and
 23 sheriff shall each appoint 1 member. If any of these officers
 24 is appointed or if the office does not exist, the board of
 25 county commissioners shall make the appointment that would
 26 otherwise be made by that officer. This paragraph does not
 27 apply in Miami-Dade County.

28 (c) ~~or,~~ If so directed in the initiative petition, in
 29 lieu of the appointments provided for in paragraphs (a) and
 30 (b), all 15 members shall be appointed by the legislative
 31 delegation.

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No member of the Legislature, no employee of such member or of the legislative delegation, no member of the ~~or~~ board of county commissioners, no employee of the board, no elected county constitutional officer, and no employee of any such officer shall be a member of the charter commission. Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days in the same manner as the original appointments.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that a county charter commission be composed of 15 members rather than 11-15 members, and that appointments to a commission be made by elected county constitutional officers in addition to the board of county commissioners. Expands the prohibition against members of the Legislature or board of county commissioners serving on a commission to include elected county constitutional officers and employees of any of those persons or entities.