

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Bronson

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

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

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

125.61 Charter commission.--

(2) The charter commission or appointed charter review commission shall be composed of ~~an odd number of not less than 11 or more than~~ 15 members. The members of the commission or the review commission shall be appointed as follows, unless the review commission is elected pursuant to the provisions of the local charter:~~by~~

(a) The board of county commissioners of said county shall appoint 10 members.

(b) If elected, the clerk of the circuit court, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and sheriff shall each appoint 1 member. If any of these officers is appointed or if the office does not exist, the board of county commissioners shall make the appointment that would otherwise be made by that officer.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the contrary, in a county with a population over 800,000, a charter commission or appointed charter review commission may

1 be composed of 20 members. All members shall be appointed by
2 the board of county commissioners, except that the clerk of
3 the circuit court, tax collector, property appraiser,
4 supervisor of elections, and sheriff shall, if elected,
5 appoint 1 member.

6 (d) ~~or~~, If so directed in the initiative petition, in
7 lieu of the appointments provided for in paragraphs (a) and
8 (b), all charter commission members shall be appointed by the
9 legislative delegation.

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11 No member of the Legislature, no employee of such member or of
12 the legislative delegation, no member of the ~~or~~ board of
13 county commissioners, no employee of the board, no elected
14 county constitutional officer, and no employee of any such
15 officer shall be a member of the charter commission.

16 Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days in the same manner as
17 the original appointments.

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

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21 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
23 Senate Bill 984

24 CS for SB 984 differs from the bill in the following ways:

25 Clarifies language related to appointed or elected charter
26 commissions;

27 Removes specific references to Miami-Dade County; and

28 Allows charter commissions in counties with a population of
29 more than 800,000 to be composed of 20, rather than 15,
30 members.
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