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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to Lee County; amending the Lee  
County Home Rule Charter to provide for the  
election of commissioners from single  
districts; providing for the creation of  
districts; providing an exception; providing  
for a referendum; providing a ballot statement;  
providing for the staggering of commissioner  
terms; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 2.2 A. of Article II of the Lee  
County Home Rule Charter is amended to read:

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of  
section 101.161, Florida Statutes, and section 3, the  
Supervisor of Elections of Lee County shall place the title  
and substance of the referendum on the ballot as follows:

ELECTION OF LEE COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEMBERS TO PROVIDE FOR SINGLE-MEMBER REPRESENTATION

Shall the election of Lee County Commission members be changed  
so that commissioners are elected by the people who live in  
their districts, rather than countywide?

Yes

No

Section 3. If for any reason there is a countywide  
election prior to the 2004 general election and 2004  
primaries, the vote for this act will occur on this earlier  
date. If it is prior to the qualifying period for the 2004

1 general election, all county commission seats will be up for  
2 election in the year 2004 and staggered from that point  
3 on. If the next countywide election is in 2004, all county  
4 commission seats will be up for election in the year 2006 and  
5 staggered from that point on.

6           Section 4. This act shall take effect only upon its  
7 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of Lee  
8 County voting in a referendum to be held by the Lee County  
9 Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the next  
10 regular primary, special, general, or other election, in  
11 accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections  
12 currently in force, except that this section shall take effect  
13 upon becoming a law.

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