

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article III of the State Constitution to authorize amendments or revisions to the home rule charter of Miami-Dade County by special law approved by a vote of the electors; providing requirements for a bill proposing such a special law.

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

That the following amendment to Section 6 of Article III of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VIII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII.—

(a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.

(b) COUNTIES; COUNTY SEATS; MUNICIPALITIES; DISTRICTS.

The status of the following items as they exist on the date this article becomes effective is recognized and shall be continued until changed in accordance with law: the counties of the state; their status with respect to the legality of the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beers; the method of selection of county officers; the performance of municipal functions by

29 | county officers; the county seats; and the municipalities and  
 30 | special districts of the state, their powers, jurisdiction and  
 31 | government.

32 | (c) OFFICERS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding  
 33 | office when this article becomes effective shall continue in  
 34 | office for the remainder of the term if that office is not  
 35 | abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be  
 36 | paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of  
 37 | emoluments for the remainder of the term.

38 | (d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to  
 39 | unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this  
 40 | article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance.

41 | (e) CONSOLIDATION AND HOME RULE. Article VIII, Sections  
 42 | 9, 10, 11 and 24, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall  
 43 | remain in full force and effect as to each county affected, as  
 44 | if this article had not been adopted, until that county shall  
 45 | expressly adopt a charter or home rule plan pursuant to this  
 46 | article. All provisions of the Miami-Dade ~~Metropolitan Dade~~  
 47 | County Home Rule Charter, heretofore or hereafter adopted by the  
 48 | electors of Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County pursuant to Article VIII,  
 49 | Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall be  
 50 | valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid;  
 51 | provided that the said provisions of such charter and the said  
 52 | amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII,  
 53 | Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended. However,  
 54 | notwithstanding any provision of Article VIII, Section 11, of  
 55 | the Constitution of 1885, as amended, or any limitations under  
 56 | this subsection, the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter may be

57 amended or revised by special law approved by the electors of  
 58 Miami-Dade County and, if approved, shall be deemed an amendment  
 59 or revision of the charter by the electors of Miami-Dade County.  
 60 A bill proposing such a special law must be approved at a  
 61 meeting of the local legislative delegation and filed by a  
 62 member of that delegation.

63 (f) DADE COUNTY; POWERS CONFERRED UPON MUNICIPALITIES. To  
 64 the extent not inconsistent with the powers of existing  
 65 municipalities or general law, the Metropolitan Government of  
 66 Miami-Dade ~~Dade~~ County may exercise all the powers conferred now  
 67 or hereafter by general law upon municipalities.

68 (g) DELETION OF OBSOLETE SCHEDULE ITEMS. The legislature  
 69 shall have power, by joint resolution, to delete from this  
 70 article any subsection of this Section 6, including this  
 71 subsection, when all events to which the subsection to be  
 72 deleted is or could become applicable have occurred. A  
 73 legislative determination of fact made as a basis for  
 74 application of this subsection shall be subject to judicial  
 75 review.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 77 placed on the ballot:

78 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
 79 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 6

80 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE  
 81 CHARTER BY SPECIAL LAW APPROVED BY REFERENDUM.—Authorizes  
 82 amendments or revisions to the Miami-Dade County Home Rule  
 83 Charter by a special law when the law is approved by a vote of  
 84 the electors of Miami-Dade County. A bill proposing such a

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85 | special law must be approved at a meeting of the local  
86 | legislative delegation and filed by a member of that delegation.  
87 | It also conforms references in the State Constitution to the  
88 | reflect the county's current name.