

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Alachua County; amending the
 3 Alachua County Home Rule Charter to require the
 4 election of county commissioners in single-member
 5 districts; providing for a referendum; providing
 6 effective dates.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 2.2(A) of Article II of the Alachua
 11 County Home Rule Charter is amended to read:

12 Sec. 2.2. - Legislative branch.

13 A. The county commission. The governing body of the county
 14 shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five (5)
 15 members serving staggered terms of four (4) years. There shall
 16 be one (1) commissioner for each of the five (5) county
 17 commission districts established pursuant to general law and
 18 they shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district
 19 ~~on a countywide basis by the electors of the county~~. Each
 20 candidate for the office of county commissioner shall reside
 21 within the district from which such candidate seeks election at
 22 the time of qualifying to run for that office, and during the
 23 term of office each commissioner shall reside in the district
 24 from which such commissioner ran for office, provided that any
 25 commissioner who is removed from a district by redistricting may

26 | continue to serve during the balance of the term of office.

27 | Section 2. Referendum election.—

28 | (1) The referendum election called for by this act shall
 29 | be held on November 8, 2022, the 2022 General Election.

30 | (2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be
 31 | in substantially the following form:

32 | AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR COUNTY
 33 | COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS IN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS

34 | (3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot
 35 | in substantially the following form:

36 | Shall the five members of the board of county
 37 | commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, be elected
 38 | to office from single-member districts by electors
 39 | residing in each of those districts only?

40 | () YES.

41 | () NO.

42 | (4) In the event this question is answered affirmatively
 43 | by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the
 44 | referendum, the charter amendment will take effect. The
 45 | referendum election shall be conducted by the Supervisor of
 46 | Elections of Alachua County in accordance with the Florida
 47 | Election Code.

48 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval by
 49 | a majority vote of the qualified electors of Alachua County
 50 | voting in a referendum conducted in accordance with the

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51 | provisions of law relating to elections currently in force,
52 | except this section and section 2 shall take effect upon
53 | becoming a law.