

26 | the county in a special election called for that purpose.

27 | (d) COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected by the
28 | electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a
29 | tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections,
30 | and a clerk of the circuit court. Unless otherwise provided by
31 | special law approved by vote of the electors or pursuant to
32 | Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be
33 | ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor,
34 | recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding
35 | subsection 6(e) of this article, a county charter may not
36 | abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property
37 | appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit
38 | court; transfer the duties of those officers to another officer
39 | or office; change the length of the four-year term of office; or
40 | establish any manner of selection other than by election by the
41 | electors of the county.

42 | (e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by
43 | county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a
44 | board of county commissioners composed of five or seven members
45 | serving staggered terms of four years. After each decennial
46 | census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county
47 | into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in
48 | population as practicable. One commissioner residing in each
49 | district shall be elected as provided by law.

50 | (f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under

51 county charters shall have such power of self-government as is
52 provided by general or special law. The board of county
53 commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may
54 enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances
55 not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance
56 in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective
57 within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.

58 (g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county
59 charters shall have all powers of local self-government not
60 inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by
61 vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating
62 under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent
63 with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail
64 in the event of conflict between county and municipal
65 ordinances.

66 (h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situate within
67 municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services
68 rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the
69 property or residents in unincorporated areas.

70 (i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be
71 filed with the custodian of state records and shall become
72 effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.

73 (j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county
74 ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law.

75 (k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county

76 | seat at which shall be located the principal offices and
 77 | permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may
 78 | not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices
 79 | for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere
 80 | in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county
 81 | in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed
 82 | recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office
 83 | designated by the governing body of the county for the recording
 84 | of instruments, according to law.

85 | (1) RECALL OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONERS. County
 86 | officers and commissioners may be removed from office by the
 87 | electors of this state pursuant to the process outlined in
 88 | section 100.361, Florida Statutes.

89 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 90 | placed on the ballot:

91 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

92 | ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1

93 | RECALL OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONERS.—Proposing an
 94 | amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the recall of
 95 | county officers and commissioners by the electors of this state.