

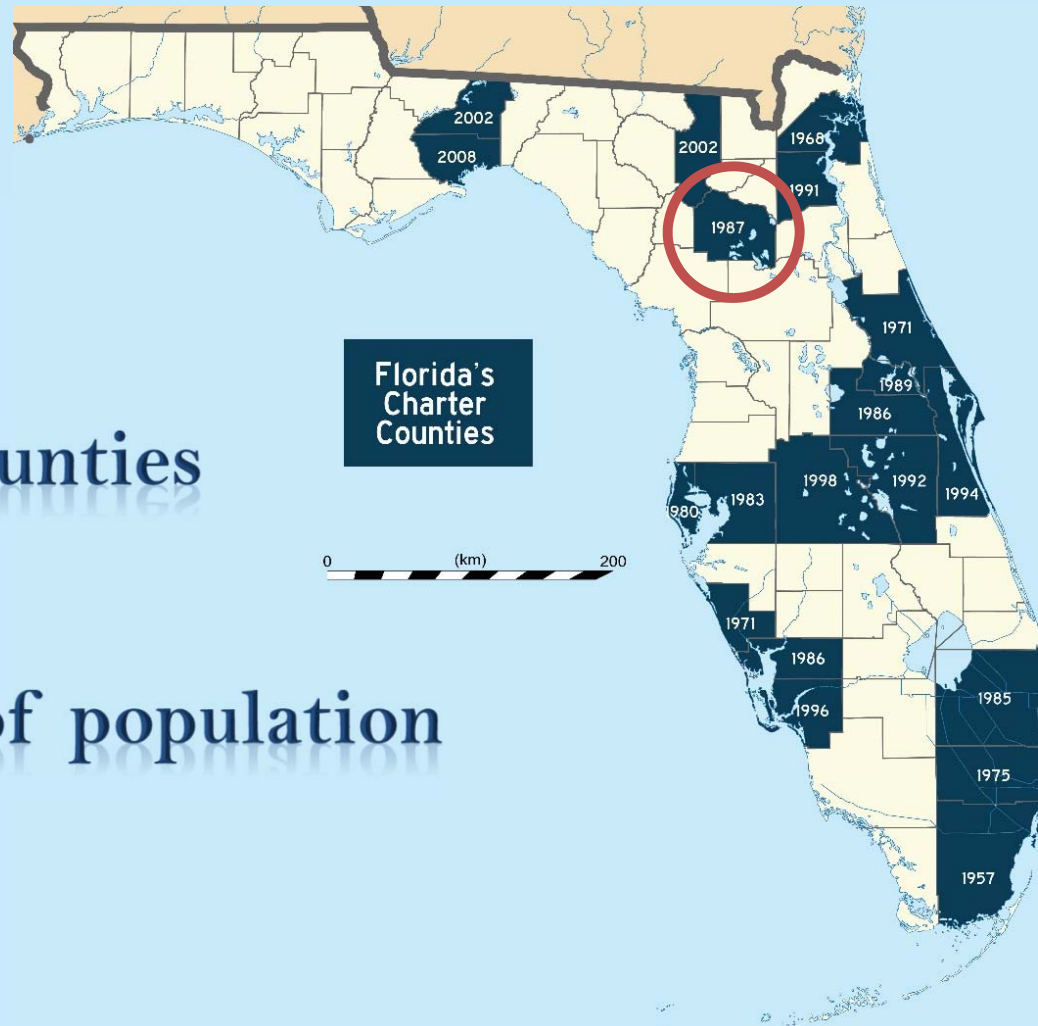


# 2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney

20 of 67 counties

75% of population



# NON-CHARTER V. CHARTER COUNTY

NON-CHARTER	CHARTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ County government structure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Constitution &amp; statutes</li></ul></li><li>❖ Self-government, as prescribed by statute</li><li>❖ No initiative or referendum processes for ordinances</li><li>❖ No local recall procedure for county officers</li><li>❖ No requirement for Administrative Code</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ County government structure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Charter</li></ul></li><li>❖ All self-government powers, unless inconsistent with Constitution &amp; statutes</li><li>❖ May include initiative or referendum processes</li><li>❖ May include local recall procedure for county officers</li><li>❖ Can require Administrative Code</li></ul>

# HISTORY OF OUR CHARTER

1968

Charter  
authorized

1975, 76,  
& '81

3 failed  
attempts

1986

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# STRUCTURE: COMMISSION/MANAGER

## Elected Commissioners

### LEGISLATIVE FUNCTION

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- Five-member Commission, elected at-large, geographic districts
- Administrative Code – organizes administration of gov't

## Appointed Manager

### EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

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- Carries out directives & policies of Board and enforces all orders, resolutions, ordinances & regulations of Board, Charter and general law

## Appointed Attorney

### LEGAL SERVICES

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# ORDINANCES

## LEGISLATIVE FUNCTION

- Board of County Commissioners

## ELECTOR INITIATIVE

- 7% of qualified electors in last preceding general election
- No ordinance re. county budget, existing debt obligations, comprehensive plan or zoning

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Amendments

- Board-initiated
- Electors-initiated
- Review Commission-initiated  
(1992, 2000, 2010)

## BOARD-INITIATED AMENDMENTS

2002

- Campaign Finance Regulation Authorization (HB 1073) (P)

2004

- Campaign Finance Reporting (P)
- Campaign Finance Limitations (P)

2008

- Conservation Land Registry (P)



# CITIZEN-INITIATED AMENDMENTS

1994

- Prohibiting County from adopting ordinance creating classification based on “sexual orientation,” “sexual preference,” or similar characteristics (P)

Final Judgment, *Morris v. Hill*, Case No. 94-2084-CA (8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit), Nov. 22, 1996

*Amendment 1 singles out one characteristic, sexual orientation, the basis for discrimination against homosexuals and bi-sexuals, and prevents the Alachua County Commission from passing any laws without a referendum, to provide protection against discrimination. It effectively restructures the local government so that those of homosexual and bi-sexual orientation are disabled from seeking safeguards that others may seek without constraint, placing homosexuals and bi-sexuals on an unequal footing from anyone else when it comes to seeking protection.*

# REVIEW COMMISSION-INITIATED AMENDMENTS

1990

- No referendum

1992

- Law enforcement consolidation (blocked by judge)
- Reduction of County Commissioner salaries (blocked by judge)

2000

- County water and air quality ordinances prevail over municipal ordinances (P)
- Joint Planning (P)
- Appointment & dissolution of review commission (P)
- Residency requirement for Commissioners (F)

# REVIEW COMMISSION-INITIATED AMENDMENTS

2010

- Reduce % of electors required for ordinance referendum from 7% to 5% (F)
- Time limitations re. amending or repealing referendum ordinances (P)
- Majority vote of entire county electorate and municipal electorate for certain charter amendments to be effective in municipalities (P)
- Replace BoCC with Board of Charter Commissioners (F)
  - Setting salaries of Board members (F)
  - Non-partisan election for constitutional officers (F)

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Today

2020 Review  
Commission

# BOARD'S DIRECTION

## Appointing Members

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- Number of members: 12
- Application process

## Administrative Support

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- County will provide staff support, websites, promotional materials, etc.
- CRC will hire outside counsel – County will pay

## Expenses

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- Anticipated budget ~\$80,000

# CRC TIMELINE





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