

Request for Ballot Title Preparation or Publication of Notice

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Filing Information

Election Date

November 8, 2022

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier

Amends charter: auditor unrestricted access to information, requires "right-to-audit" clause

This Filing is For

Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.

Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

See attached.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached.

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August 11, 2022

Signature

Date Signed

Auditor Access to Information Ballot Title & Explanatory Statement

Caption (10/10): Amends charter: auditor unrestricted access to information, requires "right-to-audit" clause

Question (19/20): Should charter provide county auditor timely, unrestricted access to employees, information, records, and require "right-to-audit" clause in county contracts?

Summary (175/175): Under current charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits and makes reports according to generally accepted government auditing standards; may conduct studies to measure and improve county performance; assists with redistricting; appoints salary commission. Other than the reference to generally accepted government auditing standards, the charter does not expressly address or limit the method or means of conducting audits, including the auditor's access to employees, information, or records.

Under this amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee, the charter would require that the auditor be provided with unrestricted, timely access to county employees, information, and records required to perform auditor duties. The county and the auditor would determine how to provide and manage confidential or limited-access records or property consistent with any legal obligations.

The amendment would require all county contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors to contain a "right-to-audit" clause. Contracts would also be required to provide for auditor access to the contractor's employees and to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with county funds.

Explanatory Statement (268/500): Under the current county charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits of all county operations and financial affairs and makes reports about those audits to the board of county commissioners according to generally accepted government auditing standards. The auditor may conduct studies intended to measure or improve the performance of county efforts. In addition, the auditor's duties include a role in redistricting, including determining the population distribution among the commissioner districts after the federal decennial census and, if needed, preparing and presenting to the board of county commissioners a plan for modifying the boundaries of commissioner districts. The auditor also appoints a salary commission. Other than the reference to generally accepted government auditing standards, the charter does not expressly address or limit the method or means of conducting audits or performing other duties of the auditor. In particular, current charter does not expressly address or limit the auditor's access to employees, information, or records.

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EXHIBIT G

Auditor Access to Information Amendment Text

CHAPTER VIII. FINANCE

8.10. Auditor.

8.20. Bonded Indebtedness.

8.10. Auditor.

(1) The office of county auditor is hereby established.

(2) At the general November election in 1966 and at the general November election every four years thereafter an auditor shall be elected. A candidate for auditor shall be a certified public accountant or certified internal auditor as of the date of filing for office, subject to the following provision. The office of auditor shall become vacant when the person serving as auditor ceases to be certified. Effective upon certification, the salary for the auditor shall be four-fifths of a circuit court judge's salary.

(3) The auditor shall conduct performance audits of all county operations and financial affairs and make reports thereof to the board of county commissioners according to generally accepted government auditing standards. The auditor may also conduct studies intended to measure or improve the performance of county efforts.

(a) The auditor shall be provided unrestricted, timely access to county employees, information and records required to perform duties of the auditor. The county and the auditor shall determine how to provide and manage confidential or limited-access records or property consistent with any legal obligations.

(b) All contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors shall contain a "right-to-audit" clause and provide for auditor access to the contractor's employees and to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with county funds.

(4) The chair of the board of commissioners or the responsible elected official shall respond in writing to all audit reports stating what actions have been or will be taken to address the findings contained in the audit. The written response shall be made to the board and the auditor in the manner and time frame requested by the auditor.

(5) The board shall retain each report of the auditor and each response as a public record for at least three years after receiving the report and response.