

COMPARISON OF SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTIC	PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT	PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT	EVALUATIVE COMMENTS
Form of Government	<p>COMMISSION FORM</p> <p>Merges legislative, administrative and executive functions in commission.</p>	<p>CHARTER - COMMISSION</p> <p>Charter is a local constitution and describes a commission form of government.</p>	<p>No change in form of government. Basic change is that county gains self government powers.</p>
Powers	<p>GENERAL GOVERNMENT POWERS</p> <p>State law defines what government may do and specifically how it shall do it. Little power to pass ordinances.</p>	<p>SELF-GOVERNMENT POWERS</p> <p>County government shall exercise any power which the state does not deny. Gains more ordinance making authority.</p>	<p>Self-government powers bring to the county the power to act in its own best interest, and flexibility in shaping government structure.</p>
<p>Governing Body Size</p> <p>Election</p> <p>Term Presiding Officer Duties</p>	<p>3 commissioners nominated by district, elected at-large.</p> <p>Partisan.</p> <p>6 year overlapping terms. Chairman--Elected from own members.</p> <p>Commission is responsible for executive and many administrative functions. Administrative powers are shared with other elected officials.</p>	<p>Same.</p> <p>Nonpartisan.</p> <p>Same.</p> <p>Same.</p> <p>Same.</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>Local government issues are usually nonpartisan. Commission can concentrate on efficient delivery of services.</p> <p>No changes.</p>
Other Elected Officials	<p>8 elected officials:</p> <p>Clerk & Recorder</p> <p>County Attorney</p> <p>Sheriff</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Clerk of Court</p> <p>Public Administrator</p> <p>Coroner</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools</p>	<p>Same.</p>	<p>No change.</p>