

City of Miami Charter Amendment Petition

Amendment title: Proposed Charter Amendment to Reform Miami's Elections and City Commission

Amendment summary (see bottom section for the full text of the proposed amendment):

Amends the Charter to provide that city general elections be held in November of even years, concurrent with statewide elections, with runoffs at least four weeks after. Provides that the City Commission consist of nine members each elected from a district. Commission districts may not be drawn to favor or disfavor a political party. Districts must respect neighborhoods and follow major geographic boundaries. Sets supermajority vote threshold at two-thirds of the Commission.

Your name
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I am a registered voter of the City of Miami and I petition the City to place this proposed charter amendment on the ballot pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 166.031, Miami-Dade County Charter § 6.03, and Miami City Code § 2-64.

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Address _____ Miami, FL Zip code _____

Your date
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Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

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Voter registration number:

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Signature

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Stronger Miami, 4343 W. Flagler St., Suite 510, Miami, FL 33134

Full text of the proposed amendment:

The Charter of the City of Miami is amended as follows:

Section 1. In a new Section 13 titled "Redistricting" is added: "No redistricting plan or district may be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party. Districts must respect neighborhoods and follow major geographic boundaries."

Section 2. In § 4(a) and (b), "five" and "5" are replaced with "nine" and "9", respectively.

Section 3. In § 4(b), both sentences beginning with "City commissioners" are repealed.

Section 4. In § 7: (A) "odd" is replaced with "even"; (B) "on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years" is replaced with "at least 28 days later"; (C) the sentence beginning with "An affidavit" is repealed; and (D) "no later than 6:00 pm. on the forty-fifth day prior to the general municipal election or the last day for qualifying in a special election to fill a vacancy" is replaced with "by the end of the qualifying period, which shall be the same as the qualifying period for county office, except as provided in Section 12".

Section 5. In § 12(a): (A) the portion beginning with "whichever" and ending with "filled," is replaced with "the next general election."; and (B) "(1) or (a)(2)" is repealed.

Section 6. In § 19, "three" is replaced with "five".

Section 7. Each occurrence of "four-fifths" and "4/5ths" is replaced with "two-thirds".

Section 8. Schedule. (A) Sections 1 and 8 shall take effect upon adoption. (B) Except as provided in (C), sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 shall take effect once nine commissioners are elected. (C) The incumbent commissioners' terms shall be truncated and nine commissioners shall be elected as provided in this amendment in the first even-numbered year after this amendment is adopted. At their first meeting, the nine commissioners shall divide by lot into a class of five and a class of four. The five-member class shall be elected in the next presidential election year and every four years thereafter. The four-member class shall be elected in the next gubernatorial election year and every four years thereafter. A mayoral election shall be held in the next presidential election year after this provision is adopted, and every four years thereafter.

Read the current charter at bit.ly/MiamiCharter. See how the amended charter would look at StrongerMiami.org/AmendedCharter.

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