

**RESOLUTION**

**SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE QUESTION OF "SHALL A COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION BE CHOSEN?" IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND CHAPTERS 302 AND 307 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.**

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**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that county government reform is desirable and that public input, including broad community inclusion and conversation about the details of any reform structure is essential to the exercise of a truly democratic process; and**

**WHEREAS, an alternative form of Cuyahoga County government structure may be placed on the ballot in November; and**

**WHEREAS, that alternative form was developed without public input, inclusion and discussion, and without sufficient consultation with interested county and municipal leadership; and**

**WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code authorize a Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution requiring that the question of choosing a commission to frame a county charter be submitted to the electors; and**

**WHEREAS, should such a question be submitted to the electors and should a majority of the electors vote on the question in the affirmative, a county charter commission, consisting of 15 members shall be elected by the county's electors at the same election; and**

**WHEREAS, to have a name or names placed on the ballot as a candidate for member(s) of the charter commission, candidates must file petitions with the board of elections within seventy-five (75) days of the general election, containing the signatures of at least one per cent of the electors in the county; and**

**WHEREAS, no more than seven (7) charter commission members may reside in the same city or village; and, not more than four (4) public officials may be charter commission members; and**

**WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the State of Ohio, an elected charter commission, shall frame a charter for the county and shall, by a majority vote, submit a charter to the electors to be voted upon at the next general election; and**

**AND WHEREAS, this Board believes that such a county charter commission, selected by the county's electors, would allow the time for open, broad, inclusive public discussion so as to present to the electors the most efficient and accountable alternative form of county government; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that:

- 1. The question of "Shall a county charter commission be chosen?" shall be submitted to the electors of Cuyahoga County for the November 2009 general election in substantially the form attached.**
- 2. At that same election, provision shall be made for the election of a 15 member charter commission in accord with the Ohio Constitution and relevant statutes should the question above be answered in the affirmative by a vote of a majority of the electors.**
- 3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of the election as provided by law.**
- 4. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution, Resolution No. 093001, to the Board of Elections not later than July 17, 2009.**
- 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hagan, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Jones, Hagan.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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