

An Act relating to county government; directing Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed statute; creating the County Government Reform Act; stating short title; authorizing any county to call an election to adopt or amend a County Government Reform Charter; permitting a petition by the voters to adopt or amend a County Government Reform Charter; providing for designation of charter commission subsequent to resolution or petition; requiring submission of certain question to voters; specifying contents of such question; providing for certain county officers to provide services to charter commission; permitting county to expend monies for certain expenses; providing for replacement of charter commission members; setting out provisions of charter; requiring charter to provide for governing body; limiting term of service of governing body; providing for powers and duties of governing body; allowing charter to provide for organization, reorganization, establishment and administration of county government; allowing charter to authorize the creation or consolidation of any county office, department or agency and providing procedures; authorizing any county with such charter to levy, assess and collect taxes and providing limit thereto; allowing county to amend its charter; authorizing county with charter to borrow money and issue obligations if authorized by a vote of registered county voters; providing for issuance of county obligations; requiring charters to make provisions for abandonment, revocation and amendment of charter subject to a vote of the registered county voters; providing for self-execution of charter; construing act; authorizing county to call an election to adopt the statutory council-manager form of county government; setting forth powers and functions; providing for exercise of certain powers; providing for county to be divided into certain number of districts; establishing governing body; setting forth qualifications for council members; setting forth powers and duties of council; requiring county manager to administer certain administrative services; requiring the council to meet at certain times; providing for a quorum; allowing council to determine certain rules; authorizing council to appoint county manager; setting forth qualifications for county manager; permitting self-appointment to certain offices; prohibiting compensation for certain appointments; prohibiting council members from being appointed county manager; stating that county manager is the chief executive officer; setting forth powers and duties of county manager; allowing for appointment of acting county manager under certain circumstances; authorizing council to appoint county manager under certain circumstances; allowing council to suspend or remove county manager; requiring the county manager to be county purchasing agent; stating that purchasing agent subject to certain laws; permitting council to transfer certain duties; providing for appointments, promotions, and removals of employees; permitting establishment of certain personnel administration; providing for the suspension and demotion of officers and employees by county manager; authorizing appointment or election of successor of certain officer or employee; repealing Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 1992 (19 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5), which relate to the County Home Rule Charter Act; providing for codification; providing an effective date; setting forth a ballot title; and directing filing.