

2 SJR 8204 - H COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Government Administration

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5 Strike everything after line 7 and insert the following:

6 "Article XI, section ... In addition to the methods of framing a
7 county home rule charter which are contained in section 4 of this
8 Article, a charter may be framed as provided in this section. The
9 legislature shall without unreasonable delay enact legislation creating
10 and appropriating funds for a temporary county home rule committee of
11 fifteen members. The committee shall draft five alternative county
12 "Home Rule" charters, a copy of which shall be submitted to the
13 legislative authority of each county, and shall be retained by the
14 state in its permanent records. Any one of the five alternative
15 charters may include one or more sets of alternative articles or
16 propositions that are selected by voters separately from the basic
17 question of whether the charter should be approved or rejected. The
18 committee shall exist not more than one year. Committee members shall
19 be appointed by the governor with at least one-third of the members to
20 consist of members of the legislature and elected county officials. A
21 new county home rule committee with the same membership qualifications,
22 which shall exist no longer than a one-year period, shall be appointed
23 by the governor to redraft any of the alternative "Home Rule" charters
24 whenever the legislature enacts legislation calling for the creation of
25 a new temporary home rule committee. As far as practical, all
26 committees created under this section shall be representative of major
27 geographic areas of the state and the state's demographic distribution.

28 Any one alternative charter may be submitted at an election to
29 voters of any county for their approval and ratification, or rejection,
30 upon either: (1) An ordinance adopted by the county legislative
31 authority; or (2) the filing of a petition calling for an election
32 which is signed by registered voters of the county equal in number to
33 ten percent of the voters voting at the last preceding general election
34 in the county. Upon approval and ratification of a charter by the
35 voters of the county under this section, the charter shall become the
36 organic law of the county. If voters approve and ratify a charter with
37 alternative articles or provisions, the charter that is approved and

1 ratified shall include those alternative articles or provisions that
2 were selected by the voters.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
4 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at
5 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
6 every legal newspaper in the state and that the ballot title of the
7 foregoing constitutional amendment shall be: "Shall an additional
8 procedure be permitted to simplify the process by which a proposed
9 county charter is placed upon the ballot?"

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