TO: 2016 Pinellas County Charter Review Commission
FROM: May 16, 2016
SUBJECT: Draft of Ballot and Charter Language for Financial Impact Statement Charter Amendment

Pursuant to the Commission’s request, this office has prepared for your review draft ballot and charter amendment language relating to the proposed charter amendment requiring the preparation of a financial impact statement for proposed charter amendments that would be placed on the ballot immediately following the ballot question.

A. Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #6 are as follows:

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that for each proposed charter amendment placed on the ballot, a brief financial impact statement prepared by the county auditor shall be placed after the ballot summary for the amendment, estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county resulting from approval of the proposed charter amendment?

_____ Yes
____ No

B. Text Revisions: Section 6.06 of the Pinellas County Charter is created to read as follows:

Sec. 6.06. - Financial impact of proposed County Charter Amendments.

As to each proposed charter amendment placed on the ballot for approval, the clerk of the circuit court, as county auditor, shall prepare, and the board of county commissioners shall place on the ballot, immediately following the ballot summary, a separate financial impact statement, not exceeding seventy-five words, estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county resulting from approval of the proposed charter amendment.